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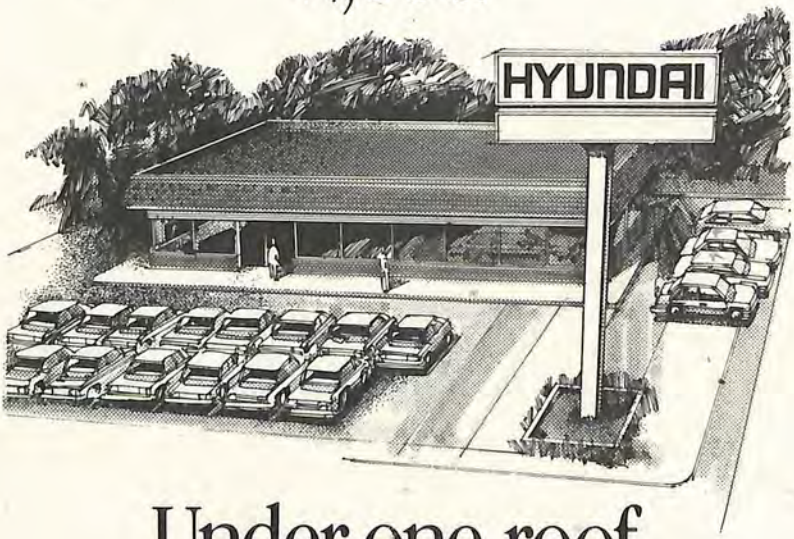

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Sat. Aug. 22	At Kansas City	8:30 p.m.
Sat. Aug. 29	CLEVELAND	8:00 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 4	New England At Gator Bowl (Jacksonville)	8:00 p.m.

Regular Season

Sept. 13	at Tampa Bay	1 p.m.
Sept. 20	WASHINGTON	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	at New Orleans	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	PITTSBURGH	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	at San Francisco	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	LA RAMS	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Houston	1 p.m.
Nov. 1	NEW ORLEANS	1 p.m.
Nov. 8	at Cleveland	1 p.m.
Nov. 15	CINCINNATI	4 p.m.
Nov. 22	at Minnesota	1 p.m.
Nov. 29	ST. LOUIS	1 p.m.
Dec. 6	at Dallas	1 p.m.
Dec. 13	at LA Rams	4 p.m.
Dec. 20	SAN FRANCISCO	1 p.m.
Dec. 27	DETROIT	1 p.m.

*All kickoffs Atlanta time
*Home games in red letters

TICKET INFORMATION

For details on Falcon game tickets, call 404-261-5400 or go to any SEAT Ticket Outlet in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Tickets are priced at $17 and $13. The Falcon ticket office is located at 950 E. Paces Ferry Road, Suite 2920, with Gate G at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium also open for ticket sales.

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FALCON FACTS

OFFICE/TRAINING FACILITY (Mailing Address)	Atlanta Falcons I-85 at Suwanee Road Suwanee, GA 30174 (404) 945-1111
TICKET OFFICE	950 East Paces Ferry Road Suite 2920 Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 261-5400
HOME FIELD	Atlanta Fulton County Stadium Capacity: 59,643 Surface: Grass (PAT)
NFL SEASON	22nd (Since '66 season)
TEAM COLORS	Red, Black, Silver & White

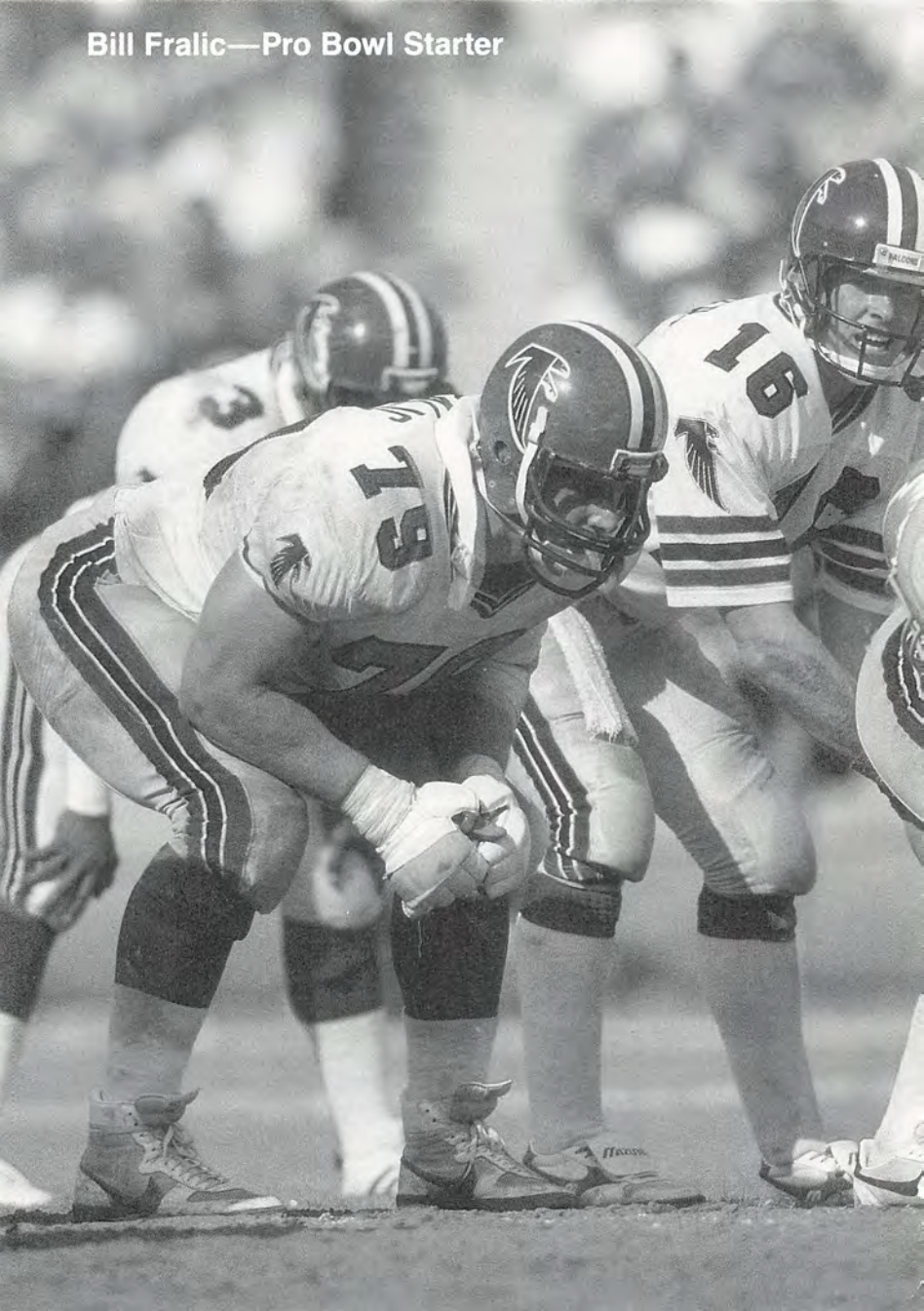
MEDIA INFORMATION

CREDENTIALS: All requests should be submitted in writing, when possible, and as far in advance as possible to the P.R. office. For working media on assignment, credentials will be issued on a priority basis to daily newspapers, wire services, local TV and radio stations, national publications and networks, plus primary media of the visiting team through that club's P.R. office.

DAY OF GAME: The Press Will Call Window (Gate G) opens two hours before kickoff. Enter through Gate G, take a right to the press elevator, then exit right off the elevator to the press box. The press box is open except during inclement weather when sliding glass windows will be closed. Parking passes are accepted only in the South Lot from the Capitol Avenue exit. Three courtesy telephones are available to be shared. Media needing their own should contact the telephone company well in advance.

PRACTICE: To visit the Falcons' training site, take Interstate 85 north of Atlanta to Exit 44, turn left over bridge, then left again, where Complex will be on your right. Training Camp practice times are 9-11 am and 4-6 pm; regular season practice is approximately 2 pm. Interviews can be arranged through the P.R. office with an open locker room during the season before the practice.

WEEKLY CONFERENCES: Head Coach Marion Campbell will meet with the media Monday afternoons (approximately 4 pm). On Wednesday, conference calls with the visiting team will be arranged and the visiting P.R. representative will be at the Falcon Complex to handle media requests.


Bill Fralic—Pro Bowl Starter

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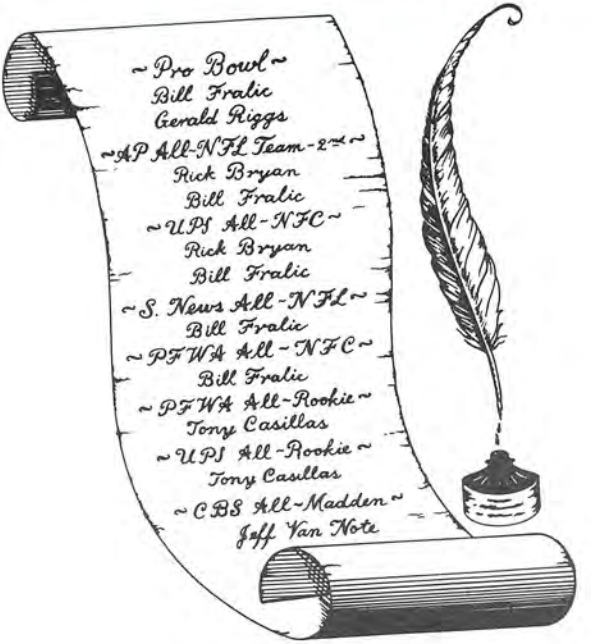

RB Gerald Riggs

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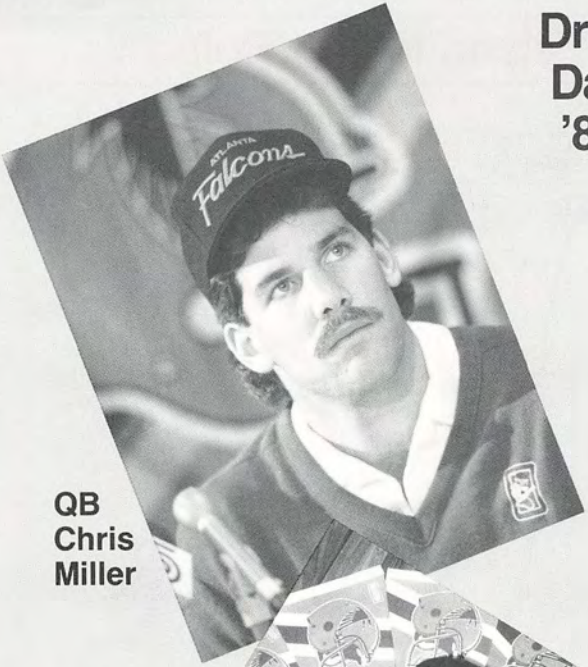
Draft Day '87



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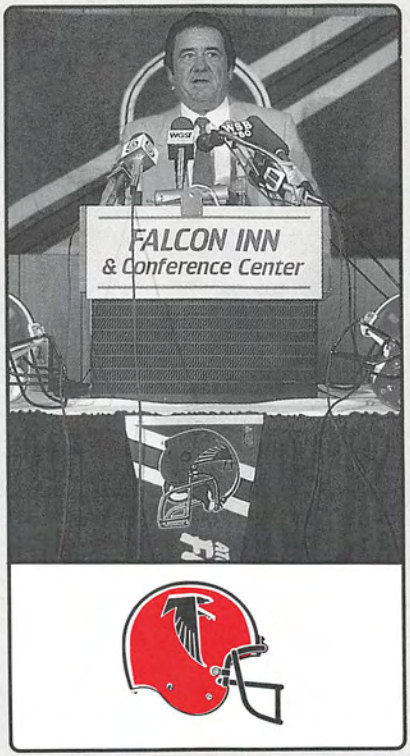

RANKIN M. SMITH

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A man who set high goals and then persevered to reach them, Rankin M. Smith embarks on his 22nd season as the sole owner of the Atlanta Falcons.

Four decades ago, the Atlanta-born Smith was merely a summer clerk in a large insurance office and just an enthusiastic football fan. With talent and determination, he changed that to Chairman of the Board of Life of Georgia Insurance Company and Chairman of the Board of the Atlanta Falcons.

That combination of football fan and businessman have provided him countless hours of tension and aggravation plus the countless hours of thrill and pleasure that go hand-in-hand with a professional sports franchise.

* * * * The Businessman * * * *

In the summer of 1943, the 18-year old Smith got his first taste of the life insurance industry by working as a summer clerk. He took his first full-time job as a debit agent (route salesman) in 1947 in Hot Springs, Ark., and then moved to Atlanta to a Life of Georgia office in 1949 as an assistant manager. His experience moved him up the ranks until, in 1970, he was elected President and Chief Executive Officer. The title of Chairman of the Board in 1975 culminated his rise from clerk to the top. In 1977, he retired from the company after three decades of distinguished service. During his career, his positions in the industry included the Life Insurance Conference, the American Life Convention, the Life Underwriters Training Council and the National Association of Life Underwriters. The businessman Smith is also a member of the Board of Aaron Rents.

* * * * The Football Executive * * * *

In the late 1950's, the sports fan in Rankin got him involved in the movement to start the Continental League in baseball. With friends Arthur Montgomery, Eaton Chalkley, Jack Rice and Carlin Dinkler, Smith joined forces to form Major Sports, Inc., whose primary thrust was to bring team sports to Atlanta. Although Major League Baseball expanded and put an end to the Continental League, Major Sports, Inc. persisted and became the basis for the first Stadium Authority whose charge was to erect a facility in Atlanta. The stadium got built and the baseball Braves were recruited in 1965. Also in '65, J. Leonard Reinsch of Cox broadcasting was awarded an AFL franchise for Atlanta on June 8, as the NFL also decided to compete for an immediate Atlanta franchise (Lindsey Hopkins and the R.J. Reynolds Co. were the competition). On June 30, Smith was the NFL winner with an approximate $8.5 million bid, ending the AFL attempt, and professional football was born in Atlanta.

As the supervisor and organizer, Smith has appointed men like Frank Wall, and then Eddie LeBaron, and now his own two sons, to be in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Falcons. Starting from scratch, the Falcons tied an NFL record their first year by winning three games (best ever for an expansion team) and have enjoyed bright moments like the playoffs seasons of 1978, 1980 and 1982. His Falcons Training Complex, completed in 1978, is one of the NFL's most complete facilities and still serves as a prototype for football office-practice training sites.

Smith has also been active in NFL affairs during his two-plus decades. He served with Lombardi, Modell and Finks to organize and oversee the Management Council (six years), then he was co-chairman of the NFL Pension Committee for seven years. Smith is the only owner member, and has been since inception, of the Coaches-Front Office Pension Committee. He is serving for a fifth straight year now on the NFL Finance Committee.

* * * * The Community Man * * * *

Few citizens of the Atlanta area have given as much money and time as Rankin Smith and family. Financially, they have contributed over $6 million to cultural agencies, church, schools, and health agencies.

Currently, Smith is on the Board of Fernbank Science Center, the Area Boy Scouts Council, and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Georgia, Reinhardt College and Lovett School. He is a Trustee Emeritus of Oglethorpe University. His past services also include serving on the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Commerce Club, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business Bureau and Central Atlanta Progress. Smith has also served as the Chairman of the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Georgia. His and the Falcons contributions to area health and charitable agencies have indeed been widespread. On July 2, he donated his private plane to fly children, who had been injured in a tragic June bus crash in North Georgia, back home to Winter Park, Florida.

* * * * Personal Information * * * *

Rankin McEachern Smith was born October 29, 1924, in Atlanta, at a hospital that sat where Fulton County Stadium now does. His middle name is that of his grandfather, John Newton McEachern, co-founder of the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. Educated at North Fulton High and Marist Schools, Smith spent a year at Jacksonville's Bolles School, a military academy. He was a member of the Bolles football team and his love for the sport has never diminished. Smith enrolled at the University of Georgia and roomed with Carl Sanders, another enterprising young man who was to go on to become the Governor of Georgia. During World War II, Smith served in the U.S. Army Air Corps for three years as a combat pilot in the Western Pacific. It was later in life that his true football love was emphatically pointed out when he was awarded the franchise and noted: "Doesn't every adult male in America want to own his own football team?" Outdoor sports have also been a passion for Smith. Hunting, fishing, and boating have all been favorites in his life with memorable moments that include bringing in a 288-pound blue marlin off the Florida shores.

Smith has always been proud of his family and that is aptly reflected in the corporate name he chose for the Falcons—The Five Smiths, Inc.—to honor his five children: Rankin, Jr.; Mrs. Donald (Carrol Christine) Walraven; Mrs. John O. (Dorothy Ann) Knox; Taylor; and Nancy Karen. The next generation of Smiths, which bring a smile to grandpa, include 12 grandchildren. Smith is married to the former Charlotte Lillard Topping, who also has four children. Mr. Smith still resides in northwest Atlanta with a favorite family retreat in Thomasville, GA.

Rankin Jr. and Sr.

RANKIN M. SMITH, JR.
PRESIDENT

Every day of the 21 years the Atlanta Falcons have been in existence, Rankin has rolled up his sleeves and gotten involved. His love for the sport of football that he's had his entire life keeps him motivated for the daily business chores that are involved in the operation of a multi-million dollar business operation. The invigorating highs and agonizing lows make his job more tedious than most and all the more challenging for him to guide the Falcons to the top.

* * * * The Football Career * * * *

Back in 1965 when the Falcons were born, 18-year old Rankin kept abreast of the front office happenings, but started to learn the running of the operation first-hand by working in the Equipment Room with veteran Whitey Zimmerman. He laid his foundation in pro football with hands-on duties in other administrative capacities like

Four of the "Five Smiths, Inc." gathered with Dad at the Falcon complex. Left to right: Rankin, Jr., Nancy Karen, Rankin, Sr., Mrs. John O. (Dorothy) Knox, and Taylor. Missing from the photo is Mrs. Donald O. (Carrol Christine) Walraven.

the ticket office and the sales and marketing tasks, while learning the financial administration duties as well.

Twelve years later, in 1977, Rankin was promoted to President, a role he has grown with and expanded upon over the past decade. In this 10-year span, the Falcons earned three Playoff berths and constructed one of the finest training facilities in the NFL. He played a major role in the Suwanee, GA, complex being built and opened for the 1978 season, the year that also happened to be the club's first Playoff season. The Falcons went on to win their Division Title in 1980 and then returned to the Playoffs in 1982.

His younger, and only, brother, Taylor, became Executive Vice-President in 1986 and together they will be striving for only the best for the Falcons in the years ahead. To Rankin, that would translate as a return to the Playoffs immediately.

* * * * Community Involvement * * * *

Active in the city that his family has contributed millions of dollars to, Rankin currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Boy Scouts of America, the American Humanics Foundation, the Falcon Youth Foundation, and the Peach Bowl. Rankin kicked off the "Running For the Children" program in Savannah, then selected them to receive proceeds from the Kickoff Luncheon, and then recognized this Program at games to help them raise funds. With active player participation, this program earned the Atlanta Falcons recognition as one of only four private sector organizations in the country to be singled out for an award by the U.S. Office of Human Development Services in Washington.

* * * * Personal * * * *

The oldest of the five Smith Children, Rankin was born on August 24, 1947 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He was educated at Lovett High, where his passion for football helped him earn roster spots as a offensive and defensive end for two State Championship teams. At the University of Georgia, Rankin gave football a brief try before going on to earn a Business Administration degree with the Class of '71. An avid outdoorsman, he truly enjoys fishing and hunting and is an active member of Ducks Unlimited. Rankin is married to the former Rebecca Robinson. They reside in Atlanta with their three children, Caroline (12/15/77), Kathryn (1/4/82) and Rankin M. III (2/17/85).

TAYLOR SMITH
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

Labeling himself as a "pure sports addict", Taylor has known since the Falcons were founded (he was a 13-year old) that he's wanted to devote his career to the team. Understanding and enjoying athletic competition motivates him to want to be the best, while being daily involved with the personalities in the world of pro sports is an aspect of his job he wouldn't trade. Now, he's goal-oriented to bring the Falcons to the upper level of sports teams that consistently breed success.

* * * * The Football Career * * * *

As a teenager he worked the first summer training camp of the Falcons and has continued to be involved since. After working part-time every year while he finished his education, Taylor joined the staff full-time in 1977. Learning the ropes, he took time to work in the ticket office, to work with advertising, to organize the details of training camps, and to study the financial details. By 1982, he was ready to be named

Corporate Secretary where he coordinated team travel arrangements, summer camps, got involved in player contract negotiations, and handled the variety of administrative tasks that are required in overseeing an office staff and getting a football team ready to play.

The 34-year old was promoted to his current position in 1986 and now he and his only brother, Rankin, are calling all the shots for the daily operations of the club. Through his years, he's quietly studied the modus operandi of previous Falcon management and that of other clubs to begin a quest to bring the Falcons to a level of success and consistency both on and off the field. His competitiveness provides him a strong desire to earn championships for the Falcons, starting now.

Taylor, whose roots are in Atlanta, is joining his family in giving back time and money to make the community better. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors of both the Boy Scouts of America and the Gwinnett Foundation.

* * * * Personal * * * *

The fourth of the five Smith children, Taylor W. Smith was born May 3, 1953, here in Atlanta. He attended Lovett High where he lettered in three sports (football, track and soccer). He was a running back/defensive back on the 1970 state championship team. He followed in the family tradition (joining Dad, Mom, Rankin and two sisters) by attending the University of Georgia. He obtained his Business Administration degree with the Class of '76. His competitiveness also leads him to the golf course, while he's also a regular jogger and exerciser. He enjoys outdoor activities, including hunting and fishing.

Taylor is married to the former Louise Patterson, also of Atlanta, and they have three daughters. Their oldest, Ryan, was born on Christmas Day in 1978, the day after the Falcons won a Playoff game over Philadelphia, with Sarah Brooks being born on November 31, 1981, and Rebecca arriving on January 17, 1985.

"Five Smiths, Inc.", is registered as the corporate name for the Atlanta NFL franchise. It is so named for Rankin M. Smith Sr.'s five children: Rankin M., Jr., Carroll Christine, Dorothy Ann, Taylor and Nancy Karen. The franchise was awarded to Smith on June 30, 1965.

"Falcons" was chosen as the official club nickname. Although many fans suggested that name out of the thousands received, Miss Julia Elliott, a schoolteacher from Griffin, Georgia, is singled out as the contest winner because of her reasons. Miss Elliott said: "the Falcon is proud and dignified, with great courage and fight. It never drops its prey. It is deadly and has a great sporting tradition."

JIM HAY

VICE PRESIDENT & CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

NOTES: Jim Hay is in his 10th season as a member of the front office staff... Hay has climbed the Falcons ladder from Director of Physical Properties (1978) to Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer where he is heavily involved in player contract negotiations... A Utah State graduate, Jim enjoyed an eight-year career as a catcher with the Atlanta Braves... In stops at Jacksonville (1959) and Austin (1960), Hay was on the receiving end of knuckleball specialist and 300 game winner, Phil Niekro... He grabbed two MVP honors for Panama City (.270 AVG, 15HR, 80 RBI) and Boise (.370, 16, 95) farm clubs and appeared on four all-star teams... The 51 year-old native of Eagleville, TN teamed with the likes of Rico Carty, Tommy Aaron and Paul Snyder... He received his law degree from Emory University in 1972...

Personal File

Job Experience:	Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Falcons 1980-Present Director of Physical Properties, 1978-80 Stadium Authority, Atlanta Braves, 1965-78	College:	Utah State, 1953-57 Emory University, 1968-72
Military:	U.S. Navy, 1953-57	Player:	Atlanta Braves, 1958-65
		Personal:	Born November 6, 1935 He and his wife, Molly, have three children, Micki, Christie and Jimmy, and reside in Stone Mountain, Ga.

TOMMY NOBIS

DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

NOTES: Known by many Georgians as, "Mr. Falcon", Tommy patrolled the middle of the Atlanta defense from his linebacking position for 11 years, earning five trips to the Pro Bowl and two team MVP awards... Nobis, the first draft pick in franchise history in 1966, won the Bert Bell Award as the League's top rookie that year... Showing some writers the Falcons dressing room one day and passing Nobis' locker, former coach and Hall of Fame inductee Norm Van Brocklin commented: "There's where our football team dresses"... A long-time supporter of Georgia's Special Olympic programs, he is a board member of the Tommy Nobis Center, a non-profit vocational training facility for the handicapped... The native of San Antonio, Texas was a two-time concensus All-American linebacker at nearby University of Texas capturing both Maxwell and Outland Trophies as the top lineman in the country... A starter at offensive guard as well, he was named to the All-Century team (1869-1969) by Sports Illustrated and finished second only to O.J. Simpson in an ABC poll naming the best college player of the 1960's... During his college career the Longhorns won a national championship and defeated Roger Staubach's Navy team in a Cotton Bowl and Joe Namath's Alabama squad in an Orange Bowl... Tommy was presented the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation Award for outstanding contributions to the state's Special Olympics in 1975 and the Bobby Dodd Award for his work with retarded citizens of Georgia... He is a member of the Georgia (1983) and Texas (1980) Sports Hall of

Fames and remains active in many charities including the local chapter of the NFL Alumni...

Personal File

Job Experience:	Director of Marketing, Falcons, 1985-Present Director of Marketing, National Data Corp., 1983-84 Executive Director, Falcon Inn & Conference Center, 1981-82 Executive Director, Falcons Complex, 1979-80 Administrative Assistant, Falcons, 1977-78	Player:	Atlanta Falcons, 1966-76, Linebacker
		College:	University of Texas, 1963-66
		Personal:	Born September 20, 1943 He and his wife, Lynn, have three children. Tommy, Kevin and Devon, and reside in Marietta, Ga.

CAROL BREEDING
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MARKETING

NOTES: Breeding holds the fifth longest tenure of any Falcon employee, having been with the organization since 1973... Carol has worn many hats during her time in the NFL like public relations secretary, Director of Community Relations and Cheerleading Director... She has guided the cheerleaders since 1980 and was instrumental in making the new transition this season for the group... The Birmingham, Alabama native got her break in the NFL when fellow Auburn grad and Falcon QB, Pat Sullivan, told her of an opening with the club following the 1972 season... She was hired a month later on Jan. 15, 1973... Breeding handled player appearances from 1976-86 and has collected a few lifetime memories because of it... One of her favorite hobbies is cheering on her beloved War Eagles of Auburn...

Personal File

Job Experience:	Assistant Director of Marketing, Falcons, 1987-Present Director of Community Relations, Falcons, 1983-86 Public Relations Secretary, Falcons, 1973-82	College:	Auburn University, 1965-70
		Personal:	She lives with her husband, George, and her two children, Lisa and Wendy, in Roswell, Ga.

Here's A Smith, There's A Smith.....

In the Falcons 21 years, more players have been named Smith (six to be exact) than any other name. Coincidentally, it's the Smith family (The Five Smiths to be exact) that owns the team. The second most popular name is a tie between the Brown's, the Jackson's and Jones', all of whom have been represented by five players. Close behind were the Johnson's, Lee's, and Williams' with four representatives.

CHARLIE TAYLOR
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

NOTES: His first NFL work assignment (224 games ago) came at Atlanta's Fulton-County Stadium (July 31, 1976) when the Redskins met the Falcons (of Head Coach Marion Campbell)... Since, he's worked for three coaches who have been Coach of the Year (George Allen, Jack Pardee, and Joe Gibbs), an NFL Executive of the Year (Bobby Beathard), and publicized two NFL Most Valuable Players (Joe Theismann, Mark Moseley), a Super Bowl MVP (John Riggins), 40 players who have been picked for the Pro Bowl, and a pair of Hall of Famers (Charley Taylor, Ken Houston)... He's worked 11 playoff games (three NFC Championships, two Super Bowls), plus being picked by the NFL to work Super Bowls and a Pro Bowl... At his alma mater (the only school he claims has played in the national championship in football and basketball in the same calendar year), he won three national awards for his publications and was selected Conference SID of the Year... With #25 in the draft lottery, he served his military obligation as a Navy journalist.

Personal File

Job Experience: Director of Public Relations, Washington Redskins, 1982-86
Assistant P.R. Director, Redskins, 1976-1981
Sports Information Director, Fairmont State College, 1971-72
Sports Reporter, Fairmont Times newspaper, 1969-72

Military: U.S. Navy, 1972-75
Public Affairs Office, Newspaper Editor

Personal: Born February 19, 1950, Fairmont, W.Va.
He and his wife, Lynn, have a daughter, Lauren Ashley, 4, and reside in Alpharetta, GA

FRANK KLEHA
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

NOTES: Frank was an NFL Rookie in the '84 two-time defending NFC Champion Redskins summer camp. He's worked game days for the Skins the past three seasons while serving as the Assistant Director of Sports Information at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. during that span. He handled the top priority sports of the Division I program, including the basketball team that earned an NIT appearance in '85 (winning one and losing to Providence). The Colonial Athletic Association is the same conference that produced the NBA's top draft pick (David Robinson) plus GMU's faculty also boasted a 1986 Nobel Peace Prize Winner, his PR background makes him point out. A native of Fayetteville, N.C. (same as QB Dave Archer, LB Curtis Taliaferro and Coach Jimmy Raye), Kleha's been a lifetime UNC basketball fan and swears his name is etched on one of the walls in the new Dean Smith Center with other Tar Heel contributors.

Personal File

Job Experience: Assistant Director of Public Relations, Falcons, March '87-Present
Assistant Director, Sports Information, George Mason, '85-'87

College: George Mason University, 1981-84

Personal: Born on December 27, 1961 in Fayetteville, N.C.
He is a bachelor and resides in Duluth, Ga.

JACK RAGSDALE
TICKET MANAGER

NOTES: Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Jack Ragsdale heard from a friend that team owner Rankin Smith, Sr. was looking for an "efficient, disciplined and organized officer" to run his ticket office... With a background that included commanding an 800-man battalion and that included such honors as Purple Heart and Bronze Star, a qualified Ragsdale took over the ticket operation for Smith in August of 1985... An avid Falcon fan all his life, Jack continued to follow his favorite team throughout his military travels... He remembers being the only Falcon rooter amidst a host of Cowboy fans in a crowded club in Korea in 1978 when Atlanta and Dallas clashed in the playoffs... (Needless to say, he lived to tell this story)... The North Ga. product was on active duty in the Atlanta area when he found out about the job opening with the Falcons...

Personal File

Job Experience:	Ticket Manager, Falcons, 1985-Present	College:	North Georgia, 1959-63
Military:	Lt. Colonel, Army, 1963-84	Personal:	Born August 18, 1941 He and his wife, Brenda, have two children, Laura and Todd, and reside in Marietta, Ga.

LUCI BAILEY
ASSISTANT TICKET MANAGER

NOTES: Luci Bailey started in ticket sales with the Falcons on a part-time basis in the team's second year of operation in 1967 while working fulltime in the Braves Ticket Office... After seven years with the Braves, Bailey switched to football where she has worked full-time since 1972... She took over the position of secretary that year but her responsibilities over the past 15 years have broadened into accounting and sales... A native of Waycross, Ga., Luci was promoted to assistant ticket manager in 1985... "I enjoy working with our fans and being involved in all aspects of our ticket office," said Bailey...

Personal File

Job Experience:	Assistant Ticket Manager, Falcons, 1985-Present Secretary, Ticket Office, Falcons 1972-85 Ticket Specialist, Braves, 1966-72	Education:	Clayton College, 1970-71 Waycross Senior H.S.
		Personal:	She has two daughters, Emilie and Patrice, and one son, Minor

KEN HEROCK

DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE PLAYER PERSONNEL

NOTES: Herock has been in pro sports nearly 25 years now.... Ken was the starting tight end for the Oakland Raiders of the old AFL for five seasons after signing as a free agent in 1963... He played alongside such Hall of Famers as Jim Otto and George Blanda... Ken's throwing mate was quarterback Tom Flores, who is in his ninth season as the Raiders head coach... He competed in Super Bowl II with the Silver & Black... Herock became the Cincinnati Bengals' first tight end in 1968 after his career in Oakland... The native of Munhall, Pa. was in charge of Tampa Bay's draft and scouting departments and helped build the Bucs into a playoff caliber team ('79, '80, '81)... The 46 year-old was an all-conference performer at both tight end and linebacker for West Virginia University... Herock's Administrative Assistant is Danny Mock, who was the Falcons assistant video director since 1983...

Personal File

Job Experience: Scout, Oakland Raiders, 1970

Front Office: Director of College Personnel, Falcons, May 1987-Present
Player Personnel, Raiders, 1984-86
Director of Player Personnel, Buccaneers, 1976-83
Director of Player Personnel, Raiders, 1975

Coach: Special Teams, Raiders, 1971

Player: Oakland Raiders, Tight End, 1963-67
Cincinnati Bengals, 1968
Boston Patriots, 1969

Personal: Born July 16, 1941
He and his wife, Barry, have two sons, Kenny and Shaun

BILL JOBKO

DIRECTOR OF PRO PERSONNEL

NOTES: The influence of Bill Jobko has been witnessed in the Falcons organization ever since 1966 when he captained the defense and teamed up with a rookie by the name of Tommy Nobis to lead the linebacking crew... Bill joined the club as a scout the following year and was named linebacker coach in 1968... After jumping back to the scouting department in 1969, Jobko was appointed Director of Pro Personnel in 1978... An original seventh round draft pick of the Rams in 1958, he played five years in LA before being traded to the Vikings in 1963... The nine-year NFL veteran helped Ohio State to a pair of National Championships and Rose Bowl victories ('54 & '57) and three Big 10 titles... Playing both ways as an offensive guard and linebacker, Jobko was the MVP of the '57 team and is the only player in the history of the Big 10 to never suffer a conference loss in three years of play...

Personal File

Job Experience: Director of Pro Personnel, Falcons, 1978-Present
Scout, Falcons, 1967, '69-78
Linebacker Coach, Falcons, 1968

Player: LA Rams, 1958-63, linebacker
Minnesota Vikings, 1964-65
Atlanta Falcons, 1966

College: Ohio State, 1954-55, '57

Personal: Born October 7, 1935
He and his wife, Julie, have five children, Lisa, Ken, Dean, Lindy and Dave, and reside in Lilburn, GA.

ELBERT DUBENION
SCOUT

NFL Scouting Experience: 19 years
Combined Pro Service: 27 years
College: Bluffton College

NOTES: Griffin, Ga. native Elbert Dubenion is heading home after spending scouting stints with Buffalo and Miami...One of the all-time great players in Bills history, Dubenion still holds many Buffalo team records such as most catches (295), most yards (5304), most touchdown receptions (35) and most consecutive games with a catch (42)..."Golden Wheels" was named to the Bills' Silver Anniversary All-Time team...He scouted for Buffalo from 1968-78 and returned in June of 1985...In-between time was spent with the Dolphins as scout (1979-83) and Assistant Director of Player Personnel (1984-85)...While with Miami he played a key role in the selection of "Marks Brothers", Mark Clayton and Mark Duper, one of the best wide receiver tandems in the NFL...

Personal File

Scout:	Buffalo Bills, '68-'78, '85-'86, Miami Dolphins '79-'83	College:	Bluffton, (Ohio) '55-'58
Front Office:	Assistant Director of Player Personnel, Dolphins, '84-'85	Personal:	Born February 16, 1933, Griffin, Ga. He and his wife, Marilyn, have three children, Carolyn Ann, Susan Marie, and Lisa Renee and live in Westerville, OH
Player:	Bills, '60-'68		

BILL GROMAN
SCOUT

NFL Scouting Experience: 20 years
Combined Pro Service: 27 years
College: Heidelberg College

NOTES: Bill Groman has a lengthy and impressive resume both as a player and scout...Groman was a star receiver in the early years of the old American Football League...The graduate of Heidelberg College in Ohio burst onto the professional scene with the Houston Oilers in a big way by catching 72 passes for a record 1473 yards (most ever by a rookie in any league)...A favorite target of George Blanda, Bill helped the Oilers to a pair of AFL titles (1961-62) and then moved on to Buffalo (Jack Kemp & Elbert Dubenion) where he collected two more championships (1964-65)...The former two-time All-Pro at one point held seven different AFL records...Groman's scouting career began with the Bills ('67-'68) and has extended to four other NFL teams including the Bengals ('69), Oilers ('77), Bucs ('78-'82) and Chargers ('86)...The 51-year old also served as Director of Player Personnel for the Houston Gamblers of the USFL and was a member of BLESTO scouting combine ('70-'76)...

Personal File

Scout:	Buffalo Bills '67-'68, Cincinnati Bengals '69, BLESTO '70-'76, Houston Oilers '77, Tampa Bay Bucs '78-'82, San Diego Chargers '86	Player:	Oilers, '60-'62, '66, Broncos '63, Bills '64-'65, wide receiver
Front Office:	Director of Player Personnel, Houston Gamblers, '77	College:	Heidelberg, '55-'58
		Personal:	He and his wife, Ellie, have three children, David, Gigi and Gina, and reside in Houston, TX

JOE MACK
SCOUT

NFL Scouting Experience: 3 years
Combined Pro Service: 6 years
College: Villanova

NOTES: Joe Mack returns to the NFL after spending three years as Director of Player Personnel for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the CFL... Mack, 33, was responsible for coordinating the Blue Bombers' Canadian and U.S. College scouting as well as organizing the draft and handling free agent signings... He also directed Winnipeg's training camp operations... A former resident of Norcross, Ga., Joe worked for the BLESTO national scouting combine from 1980-83 representing the Steelers, Eagles, Lions, Bears, Vikings, Dolphins and Colts... A nose tackle and linebacker for Villanova in 1973-76, Mack returned to his alma mater as defensive line and special teams coach in 1977-78... A native of Levittown, Pa., he now makes his home in Atlanta...

Personal File

Scout:	BLESTO, '80-'83	Player:	Villanova, '73-'76
Front Office:	Director of Player Personnel, Blue Bombers, '83-'86	Personal:	Born March 22, 1954, Levittown, Pa. Single, he lives in Atlanta, Ga.

TOM MINER
SCOUT

NFL Scouting Experience: 21 years
Combined Pro Service: 26 years
College: Tulsa

NOTES: Fifty-five year-old Tom Miner has been in the scouting business for over two decades... He started as a part-time scout for the San Diego Chargers in 1963 and came aboard full-time in 1966... Miner was appointed Director of Player Personnel a year later in 1967... In 1972, Tom was asked to take charge of all areas of scouting and drafting, becoming the Chargers Vice President of Player Personnel... He left San Diego for Cleveland in 1975 where he has spent the past 12 seasons... He had been responsible for directing the Browns' west coast scouting operations during that time... Miner was an All-Missouri Valley Conference end and placekicker at Tulsa and Signed with Calgary in 1954 where he scored 54 points in initial campaign... He set a team record by connecting on 14 field goals en route to scoring 73 points for the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1958...

Personal File

Scout:	San Diego Chargers, '66-'67, Cleveland Browns, '75-'86	College:	Tulsa, '50-'53
Front Office:	Director of Player Personnel, Chargers, '67-'72 Vice President of Player Personnel, '72-'75	Coach:	Tulsa, '60-'62, Defensive Ends, Chief Scout
Player:	Calgary Stampeders, '54-'55, Winnepeg Blue Bombers, '56-'57 Pittsburgh Steelers, '58	Personal:	Born May 14, 1932, Checotah, OK He and his wife, Pat, live in Tucson, AR and have two daughters

JERRY RHEA
TRAINER

NOTES: Heading into his 18th season as the Falcons head trainer, Jerry Rhea is considered one of the foremost authorities in his field... With 25 plus years of outstanding service to his credit, Jerry was inducted into the Trainers Hall of Fame in 1985... He has twice been tabbed, Trainer of the Year, by the National Athletic Trainers Association (1979, 1982)... Rhea, current president of the NATA, has worked alongside such coaches as Bear Bryant, George Allen, Norm Van Brocklin and Marion Campbell... The 52 year-old began his career as an assistant trainer with the Rams in 1967 under Allen and his assistants Campbell, Howard Schnellenberger and Ted Marchibroda... This season marks the 20th year in which he and "Swamp Fox" have known each other... A veteran of over 250 NFL games, Jerry went to school at Texas A&M with Jack Pardee, Gene Stallings and John David Crow (Heisman Trophy '57) and is a member of the Georgia Board of Athletic trainers...

Personal File

Job Experience: Trainer, Falcons, 1969-Present
Assistant Trainer, Rams, 1967-68
Current President, NATA

College: Texas A&M, 1955-58

Personal: Born September 12, 1935
He and his wife, Beverly, have one son, John, and reside in Tucker, GA.

BILLY BROOKS
ASSISTANT TRAINER

NOTES: Fifth year assistant trainer Billy Brooks distinguished himself and the Falcons this past spring when he was named to the Georgia Board of Athletic Trainers... The four-member board is the regulatory and licensing body for trainers throughout the state... Brooks, 28, spent a stint as a graduate assistant at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA before joining the NFL... Billy played a major role in the rehabilitation of William Andrews... "If it wasn't the worst, it was very close to being the worst knee injury in the history of the game," said Brooks... After working closely with Andrews through 22 months of grueling, relentless rehab, Brooks received his reward when number 31 trotted onto the field for the 1986 season... Andrews gave Brooks a game ball symbolizing the culmination of their two year work effort after he scored a touchdown against St. Louis in Week 2 last year...

Personal File

Job Experience: Assistant Trainer, Falcons, 1983-Present
Assistant Trainer, Southeastern LA, 1982-83

College: Southwestern Louisiana, 1979-82
Southeastern Louisiana, 1982-83
Georgia State, 1987 (Graduate)

Personal: Born February 24, 1959
He and his wife, Donise, live in Lawrenceville, GA.

WHITEY ZIMMERMAN
EQUIPMENT MANAGER

NOTES: If there was a stat in the NFL record books for Most Games Worked, Whitey Zimmerman's name would probably be near the top of the list... Whitey has witnessed over 400 Falcon games first-hand in his 21 years on the job, plus another 60 games in five St. Louis years... An aptly labeled, "original", Zimmerman has served with the Falcons since the beginning of the franchise in 1966... Prior to his appointment in Atlanta, he was with the Cardinals in a similiar capacity (1962-66)... Whitey was surrounded by such players as Hall of Famer Larry Wilson, Charley Johnson, Bobby Joe Conrad, John David Crow and Pat Fischer... "Z" has persevered four different training camp sites, six head coaches and at least 1000 players during his long career in the South... The 1978 Dallas playoff game sticks out in his mind as one of the most notable Falcon contests... The careers of Tommy Nobis and Jeff Van Note hold a special place in the St. Louis native's all-time scrapbook... A hockey fan, Whitey still roots for the Calgary Flames, who used to play in Atlanta...

Personal File

Job Experience: Equipment Manager, Falcons, 1966-Present
Equipment Manager, Cardinals, 1962-66

Military: U.S. Navy, 1951-54

Personal: Born July 29, 1929
He and his wife, Sheila, have five children, Jerry, Terri, Larry, Greg and Scott and live in Dacula, Ga.

HORACE DANIEL
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGER

NOTES: Other than his cohort, Whitey Zimmerman, no person has worked longer in the Falcons organization than Horace Daniel... A 20-year vet, Daniel began his career in 1967 and has missed only two games during that span... A member of the stadium authority for three years prior to becoming a full-fledged Falcon, Horace had a hand in the construction of Fulton-County Stadium... A native Georgian his entire life, the 50 year-old Daniel has seen a lot during his tenure... He cites Coach Campbell's halftime "pep" talk to his defense last season against Tampa Bay as one of his most memorable moments... (Campbell's defense shutout the Bucs in the second half after the famous "chat")... Horace is proud of the fact that other NFL clubs consider the Falcons to be the best when it comes to equipment operation... Daniel became a grandfather for the first time this past May and has two children, Ken (18) and Kim (22)...

Personal File

Job Experience: Ass't Equipment Manager, Falcons, 1967-Present
Stadium Authority, 1965-67

Personal: Born May 7, 1938
He has two children, Ken and Kim, and resides in Decatur, GA.

TOM ATCHESON
VIDEO DIRECTOR

NOTES: Entering his ninth campaign as video director of the Falcons, Tom has been instrumental in supervising both the installation of a film processing lab at the Falcon Complex and the club's conversion to video tape... Atcheson's background lends itself to video and film operation... The product of Dallas, Ga. started in photography with the Air Force in 1954... Fulfilling a love for sports, Tom worked for the athletic departments of Auburn (1959-63) and Georgia Tech (1963-66)... He went from there to be Film Director of the Georgia Institute of Mental Health for 13 years... During his days on the college scene, Atcheson also free lanced for NCAA and NFL films... His assistant is Andy Commer, who joined the Falcons this May from the Arkansas State staff.

Personal File

Job Experience: Video Director, Falcons, 1979-Present
Film Director, Georgia Institute of Mental Health, 1967-79
Photographer, Georgia Tech, 1963-66
Photographer, Auburn, 1959-63
Photographer, Air Force, 1954-58

Personal: Born June 3, 1934
He and his wife, Beverly, have four children, Sandy, Jeff, Mark, and David

FALCON BOARD ELECTS NEW MEMBER

Felker W. Ward, an Atlanta attorney, was elected to the Falcons Board of Directors in 1987. An Atlanta native who graduated from Tuskegee Institute and Emory Law School, Ward has practiced with the firm of Kutak, Rock and Campbell since 1978.

Chairman of the Board Rankin Smith proudly noted: "Felker Ward's knowledge of Atlanta and its people will provide our organization with a very valuable resource. We are proud to have a man of his abilities and character on our team."

Active in the community, Ward has served on the Boards of Bank South, Oglethorpe University, Martin Luther King Center, FernBank Science Center, and the State Board of Natural Resources, as well as a Director of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Mary, have three children: Felecia, Felker III, and Wesley.

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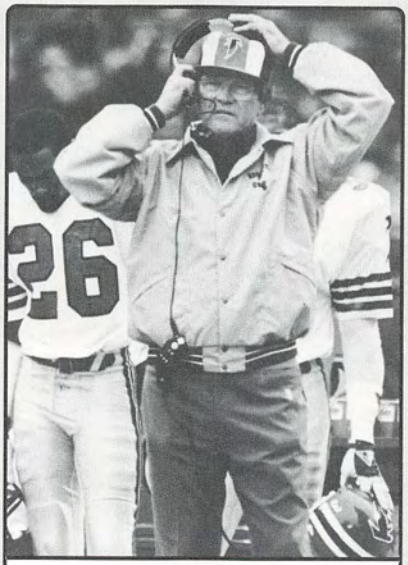
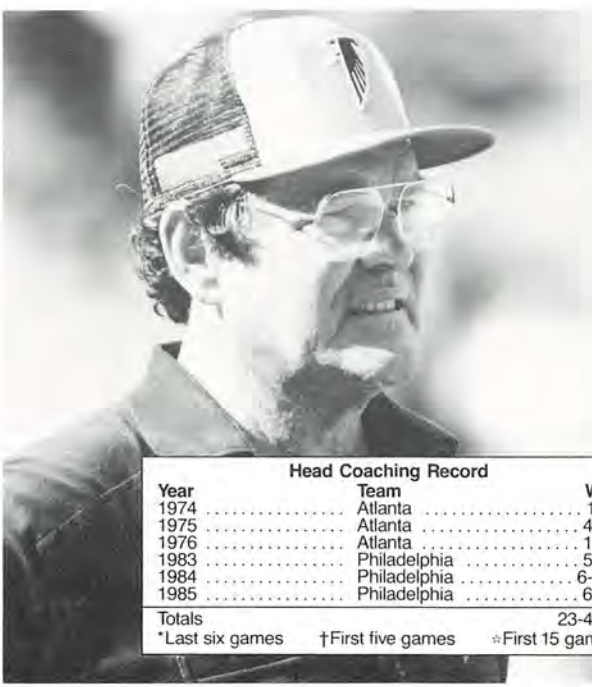


MARION CAMPBELL
HEAD COACH

With 26 years of professional coaching experience and eight years as an NFL player behind him, Marion Campbell accepted the challenges as Head Coach of the Falcons on February 3, 1987.

After serving as the Falcons defensive coordinator last year, the 58-year old Campbell knows his personnel first-hand as he guided the defense from 28th in points allowed to 6th and 25th in yards to 7th. His first moves were to bring in a four-man offensive coaching staff of Jim Hanifan, Rod Dowhower, Jimmy Raye and Steve Crosby in an effort to bolster that unit immediately. Then, he added a new strength and conditioning program to make sure the offseason was as productive as possible.

No one who knows Campbell can doubt that he's a competitor and a winner. He's been to an NFL championship as both a player (1960 Eagles) and an assistant coach (Super Bowl XV Eagles) and individually, he was a two-time Pro Bowl pick. His defensive teaching abilities have kept his units respected and highly ranked (three of his defenses finished first in the NFL in points allowed). Over the past decade, his defensive units have allowed an average of just 18 points per game, most likely the NFL's best yield in this 10-year span.



Head Coaching Record

Year	Team	W-L
1974	Atlanta	1-5*
1975	Atlanta	4-10
1976	Atlanta	1-4†
1983	Philadelphia	5-11
1984	Philadelphia	6-9-1
1985	Philadelphia	6-9☆
Totals		23-48-1

*Last six games †First five games ☆First 15 games

Marion Campbell

Personal File

The Name: Born May 25, 1929, in Chester, South Carolina, as Francis Marion Campbell, Jr. The name, Francis Marion, comes from the Revolutionary War hero who was legendary in South Carolina as a result of his fighting exploits in the Swamps. Thus, the nickname "Swamp Fox" was born. The senior Campbell, now 80, still resides in Chester.

High School: The biggest motivator of Marion Campbell as a young football player at Chester High was easily his dad. "In my first year, I went against an all-State guard from Spartanburg and my dad let me know how badly I got whipped on up one side and down the other. Well, Dad told me in one of our woodshed talks that if I had the guts to show up again for practice on Monday, I might be enough of a competitor to become something." Yes, young Marion kept showing up and he earned his honors soon after.

Military: He was assigned to Officer Training School at Fort Benning, GA, and then served as a Company Commander (First Lieutenant) for an Infantry Training unit at Fort Bliss, Texas.

College: A three-time All-SEC selection, the defensive lineman was twice selected for the school's William A. Jenkins Award (most valuable lineman) and was chosen for the Senior Bowl. One of the team captains, Marion helped the defense set a still existing school record by allowing just 65 points in the 11 games in 1950. The 15-13-4 record of Campbell's three seasons included 17 opponents held to seven or less points under Coach Wallace Butts.

The Player

NFL Career: A fourth round pick of the San Francisco 49ers as a 6-3, 245-pound defensive tackle (1952 draft), Campbell joined the 1954 team under Coach Buck Shaw. That 7-4-1 team included five future Hall of Famers (John Henry Johnson, Hugh McElhenny, Leo Nomellini, Joe Perry, and Y.A. Tittle). In 1956, Marion was traded to Philadelphia, where he played six more seasons, including two Pro Bowl years (1960 and '61). He had undergone operations on both legs to have calcium deposits removed. That 1960 Eagles team that upset Green Bay, 17-13, for the Championship was also coached by Buck Shaw and featured players like Norm Van Brocklin, Chuck Bednarik, Tom Brookshier, Tommy McDonald, Sonny Jurgensen, Pete Retzlaff, and Bill Barnes.

Coaching Career

1962-63: Defensive Line Coach of Boston Patriots
Notes: Under Head Coach Mike Holovak, the '63 team played in the first real "playoff" game in AFL history to determine a tie with the Bills. Campbell played his part with a defense that held star RB Cookie Gilchrist to just seven yards in a 26-8 win. Boston lost the AFL title game to San Diego.

1964-66: Defensive Line Coach of Minnesota
Notes: He helped lay the ground work for the famous "Purple People Eaters" front four. Carl Eller, Jim Marshall, and Gary Larsen were set for the '67 draft of Alan Page, encouraged by Campbell before he moved on.

1967-68: Defensive Line Coach of L.A. Rams
Notes: Here he worked with the "Fearsome Foursome" that led the NFL in points allowed (196 in '67) and finished third (200 in '68). That unit of linemen he worked with included Roger Brown, Rosie Grier, David "Deacon" Jones, Lamar Lundy, Merlin Olsen, Diron Talbert and Coy Bacon. He also worked with the "defense" of the special teams for George Allen as the Rams went 21-4-3 in the two seasons he was on this staff.

1969-74: Defensive Coordinator of Atlanta
Notes: In his first year, the defensive yield of points dropped from 389 to just 268, then on down to 224 for the 9-5 1973 team. Marion worked with players like Tommy Nobis, Claude Humphrey, Ken Reaves, Mike Tilleman, and Greg Brezina.

1974-76: Head Coach of Atlanta Falcons
Notes: After a 2-6 start, the Falcons promoted Campbell to Head Coach, but the team struggled on at 1-5. His only full year ('75), the team went 4-10, as Campbell drafted a young QB, Steve Bartkowski, with his first pick. After a 1-4 start in '76, Pat Peppler released Campbell and took over the duties himself.

77-82: Defensive Coordinator of Philadelphia
Notes: The defense led the NFL in points allowed twice and finished third in the NFC the other two years as the Eagles made four straight trips to the Playoffs ('78-'81) under Vermeil. The '80 squad won the NFC title over Dallas (holding them to seven points) but lost Super Bowl XV to the Raiders.

1983-85: Head Coach of Philadelphia Eagles
Notes: In three seasons, Marion watched the point yield drop every year and the record improve from 5-11 to 6-9 to 6-9-1 before new owner Norman Braman released Marion after Week 15 to bring in Buddy Ryan.

1986: Defensive Coordinator of Atlanta
Notes: Campbell had the NFL's most improved defense that reduced points allowed from 452 to 280 (−172) to move from dead last to 6th. This defense also held 10 opponents to 16 points or less.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

The 11 members of the Falcon coaching staff bring together a combined 187 years of coaching experience on the professional and collegiate level, plus 69 years of football playing experience in the professional or collegiate ranks.

COACHING STAFF

FRED BRUNEY
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH

NFL Coaching Experience: 24 years
Combined NFL Service: 32 years
College: Ohio State

Coaching Notes: This year marks a quarter century of NFL service for Fred Bruney and the 20th campaign in which he has worked with Marion Campbell... A 55-year-old product of Martins Ferry, Ohio, Bruney has the distinction of posting one of the finest records as a head coach in NFL history... Fred was named interim head coach of the Eagles (replacing Campbell) in the last game of the 1985 season and proceeded to lead his troops to a 37-35 victory over the Vikings leaving him with a perfect 1-0 lifetime record as the boss... Bruney's instinctive defensive coaching is well-respected throughout the league and is one reason why the Falcons were the league's Most Improved Defense in 1986... His 1981 Eagle defense allowed the fewest passing yards in entire NFL... Fred's coaching career began in earnest in 1962 when he was appointed player-coach (defensive backs) with the old Boston Patriots of the AFL...

Personal File

Pro: Defensive Secondary Coach, Atlanta Falcons, 1986
Interim Head Coach, Philadelphia Eagles, 1985 (last game—won 37-35)
Assistant Head Coach, Philadelphia Eagles, 1983-85
Defensive Secondary Coach, Philadelphia Eagles, 1977-82
Defensive Secondary Coach, Atlanta Falcons, 1969-76
Defensive Secondary Coach, Philadelphia Eagles, 1964-68
Defensive Secondary Coach, Boston Patriots, 1963

College: Freshman Coach, Ohio State, 1959

Player: Boston Patriots, 1960-62, defensive back (All-AFL pick, 1960)
Los Angeles Rams, 1958 Pittsburgh Steelers, 1957
San Francisco 49ers, 1956
San Francisco 49ers, 1953 (3rd round pick)
Ohio State, 1949-52

Military: 1954-55, U.S. Army

Personal: Born December 30, 1931, Martins Ferry, Ohio
He and his wife, Louise, have five children, Chuck, Susan, Lori, Rebecca, and Richard

SUMMER CAMPING

The Falcons have held their summer training camps at four different locations over their 21-year history: Black Mountains, N.C. (1966 — a YMCA camp near Asheville), East Tennessee State University (1967 — Johnson City, Tenn), Furman University (1971-1978 — Greenville, S.C.), and the Falcon Training Center (1979-Present — Suwannee, GA).

JIM HANIFAN
ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/OFFENSE

NFL Coaching Experience: 12 years
Combined NFL Service: 12 years
College: California

Coaching Notes: The 54 year-old Hanifan began his NFL career as offensive line coach under Don Coryell at St. Louis in 1974... During his five year stint with the Cardinals line, Jim developed a reputation as one of the best in the business... Under his direction the Cards allowed the fewest number of sacks in the whole league for five straight years and his 1975 crew, led by the infamous Conrad Dobler and All-Pro Dan Dierdorf, established an NFL record by yielding only eight sacks in a season... After departing with Coryell for a year to San Diego in 1979, Hanifan returned to take over the helm in St. Louis and became the second winningest coach in Cardinals history (behind his mentor Coryell)... Breathing new life into St. Louis football, Jim guided his team into the playoffs in 1982 for the first time in six seasons and came within a missed field goal of running off with the NFC Eastern Division crown in 1984...

Personal File

Pro: Head Coach, St. Louis Cardinals, 1980-85
Assistant Head Coach, San Diego, 1979
Offensive Line Coach, St. Louis Cardinals, 1974-78

College: Offensive Line Coach, San Diego State, 1972-73
Offensive Coach, California, 1971-72
Offensive Line Coach, Utah, 1967-70
Assistant Coach, Glendale College, 1964-66
Assistant Coach, Yuba Jr. College, 1961-63
Charter Oak (H.S.) 1959-60

Player: Canadian Football League (Toronto) 1955, tight end
University of California, 1952-54, tight end (Led nation in receiving as senior.)

Personal: Born September 21, 1933, Compton, CA.
He and his wife, Mariana, have two children, Kathleen and James.

ROD DOWHOWER
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

NFL Coaching Experience: 8 years
Combined NFL Service: 8 years
College: San Diego State

Coaching Notes: Rod Dowhower brings a wealth of "offensive" experience with him to Atlanta from a very diverse and extensive background... Dowhower had the luxury of learning the finer points of the game from such notable coaches as Bill Walsh (Stanford), Dick Vermeil (UCLA) and Don Coryell (St. Louis Cardinals)... As a graduate assistant at San Diego St., he was on a staff with John Madden, Joe Gibbs, and Sid Hall, all of whom went on to coach in the NFL... Known for his superb training of quarterbacks, the 44 year-old Nebraska native has worked with such NFL signal callers as John Elway, Brian Sipe, Turk Schonert, Guy Benjamin and Steve Dils... Other players he tutored include Darrin Nelson, Isaac Curtis, Haven Moses, Ken Burrow and James Lofton... Rod's NFL career began in 1973 as quarterbacks and receivers coach with Cards... He returned to St. Louis in 1983 as

Offensive Coordinator and established the top-ranked passing attack in NFC and third most productive in league in 1984 averaging almost 400 yards per game total offense... He was named the 15th Head Coach in Colts history on Jan. 28, 1985 and in his first season his club led AFC in rushing and had best rush average (5.0) in NFL...

Personal File

Pro: Head Coach, Indianapolis Colts, 1985-86
Offensive Coordinator, St. Louis Cardinals, 1983-84
Offensive Coordinator, Denver Broncos, 1980-82
Quarterbacks & Receivers, St. Louis Cardinals, 1973

College: Head Coach, Stanford, 1979
Quarterback Coach, Stanford, 1977-78 (Walsh)
Offensive Coordinator, Boise State, 1976
Offensive Coordinator, UCLA, 1974-75 (Vermeil)
Offensive Coordinator, San Diego State, 1968-72
Quarterbacks & Receivers, San Diego State, 1966-67

Player: San Diego State, 1963-64, quarterback
Santa Barbara City College, 1961-62, QB

Personal: Born April 15, 1943, Ord, Nebraska
He and his wife, Nancy, have two sons, Brian and Deron.

STEVE CROSBY
RUNNING BACKS

NFL Coaching Experience: 9 years
Combined NFL Service: 12 years
College: Fort Hays St.

Coaching Notes: When Marion Campbell accepted the head coaching job last February, one of the first things he did was make sure Steve Crosby was pointed in one direction - the backfield... Last season, Crosby, 37, was responsible for a variety of tasks... He was involved in such things as self scouting of the offense, practice and game plan preparation, plus computer breakdown of opponents... Steve will concentrate solely on coaching Falcon running backs in '87... Crosby held the same position with Atlanta in 1983-84... The former running back for the New York Giants (1974-76) began as a scout for the Miami Dolphins (1977-78) after his playing career was over... He was elevated to special teams and linebackers coach by Don Shula soon after and his special teams were compared with the NFL's best... Steve was an assistant to Coach Marty Schottenheimer of the Browns in 1985...

Personal File

Pro: Quality Control, Scouting, Atlanta Falcons, 1986
Assistant to Head Coach, Cleveland Browns, 1985
Running Back Coach, Atlanta Falcons, 1983-84
Special Teams, Linebackers, Miami Dolphins, 1979-82
Scout, Miami Dolphins, 1977-78

Player: New York Giants, 1974-76, Running Back 17th Round Pick—1974
Fort Hays (Kan) State, 1969-72, NAIA All-American RB

Personal: Born July 3, 1950, Great Bend, Kansas
Steve and his wife, Lisa, have two sons, Bradley and Matthew.

JIMMY RAYE
RECEIVERS

NFL Coaching Experience: 9 years
Combined NFL Service: 14 years
College: Michigan State

Coaching Notes: Jimmy Raye returns to the Falcons to a familiar position as the team's receivers coach after filling Offensive Coordinator chores with the Rams (1984) and Bucaneers (1985-86)... The 41 year-old Raye previously coached Atlanta's receivers in 1980-82... Jimmy directed the Rams passing game and worked with receivers for Coach John Robinson in '83 before taking over full offensive responsibilities... He left the West Coast and came South teaming up with former Falcon head man Leeman Bennett in Tampa Bay... Raye has a reputation around the NFL for possessing a bright, innovative offensive mind... The Fayetteville, NC native is credited with coaching tight end Junior Miller and wide out Alfred Jenkins to their only Pro Bowl appearances... A standout offensive performer in his own right, Jimmy quarterbacked Michigan St. to a Rose Bowl berth in 1965 and his 1966 Spartans boasted a 10-0-1 record, a Big Ten title, and a famous 10-10 tie with No. 1 Notre Dame...

Personal File

Pro: Offensive Coordinator, Tampa Bay, 1985-86
Offensive Coordinator/Receivers, L.A. Rams, 1983-84
Receivers Coach, Atlanta Falcons, 1980-82
Running Backs, Detroit Lions, 1978-79
Receivers Coach, San Francisco 49ers, 1977

College: Quarterbacks, Receivers, Wyoming, 1976
Receivers, Michigan State, 1972-75

Player: With Rams and Eagles, 1968-71, as defensive back
Starting QB for '66, Big 10 Champion, Michigan State, where he played three seasons ('65-'67)

Personal: Born March 26, 1946, Fayetteville, NC. He and his wife, Edwina, have two children, Robin and Jimmy, III.

TOMMY BRASHER
DEFENSIVE LINE

NFL Coaching Experience: 5 years
Combined NFL Service: 5 years
College: Arkansas

Coaching Notes: Tommy Brasher was Coach Campbell's defensive line coach in Philadelphia in 1985 and when Campbell made the switch to Atlanta he made sure Brasher was right behind him... Tommy worked his way up to the NFL from the high school ranks of Arkansas... Playing in two Sugar Bowls as an All-SWC linebacker with the Razorbacks, Brasher was responsible for the development of Byron Hunt of the Super Bowl champion NY Giants while he was at SMU... Besides his days in college, Tommy, 46, served as the line coach for the Shreveport Steamers of the World Football league one year (1975)...

Personal File

Pro: Defensive Line Coach, Atlanta Falcons, 1986-
Defensive Line Coach, Philadelphia Eagles, 1985
Defensive Line Coach, New England Patriots, 1982-84
Defensive Line Coach, Shreveport Steamers (WFL), 1975

College: Defensive Line Coach, S.M.U., 1977-81
Defensive Coordinator, Northeast Louisiana, 1974-76
Defensive Line/Linebackers, Virginia Tech, 1971-73
Assistant Defensive Line, Arkansas, 1970
Arkansas High Schools, six years, '68 State Coach of the Year

Player: All-SWC Linebacker, Arkansas, 1961-63

Personal: Born December 30, 1940, El Dorado, Arkansas
Tommy and his wife, LaNelle, have two daughters, Melodie and Christy.

CHUCK CLAUSEN
LINEBACKERS

NFL Coaching Experience: 11 years
Combined NFL Service: 11 years
College: New Mexico

Coaching Notes: Chuck Clausen joined the Falcons last season after a ten year association with the Eagles... Clausen spent nine years as Philly's defensive line coach before being switched to linebackers in 1985... On the strength of his line's play in 1984, the Eagles set a club record for sacks in a season (60-48 by line)... His crew also set a team mark for sacks in a game with nine against the Falcons in Dec. of 1984... He once taught a class on "Understanding Pro Football" at Burlington County (NJ) College... Jumped from New Mexico Institute (1968) to William & Mary (1969-70) to Ohio State (1971-75)... He coached linebackers under the watchful eye of legendary Woody Hayes... Chuck taught three All-Americans and was a part of four Big 10 titles... The 47 year-old native of Anamosa, Iowa is one of four former Eagle assistants that followed Marion Campbell to Atlanta...

Personal File

Pro: Linebackers, Atlanta Falcons, 1986-
Defensive Line/Linebackers, Philadelphia Eagles, 1976-85

College: Linebackers Coach, Ohio State, 1971-75
Defensive Assistant, William & Mary, 1969-70
Defensive Assistant, New Mexico Military Institute, 1968
California High Schools, 1963-67
Received Masters Degree, San Jose State, 1967

Player: University of New Mexico, 1961-63, Defensive Lineman

Personal: Born June 23, 1940, Anamosa, Iowa
He and his wife, Betsy, have three children, Cari, Lisa, and Chad.

CLAUDE HUMPHREY
DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT

NFL Coaching Experience: 1 year
Combined NFL Service: 15 years
College: Tennessee St.

Notes & Quotes: It's a homecoming for former Atlanta All-Pro defensive end Claude Humphrey... Humphrey, the league's defensive Rookie of the Year and Falcon No. 1 draft pick in 1968, was lured away from his farm in Memphis, TN, this season by his former boss Marion Campbell... Claude, 43, will look to improve the club's pass rush which managed only 26 sacks a year ago... Rushing the passer was Humphrey's speciality during his 14 year NFL career... Eleven of those years were spent in Atlanta where he was considered one of the league's premier defensive ends playing in six Pro Bowls and over 170 games... "I've been after this guy forever," said Campbell... "If I were getting 70 sacks a season, I'd still want him"... Claude excelled for Campbell from 1969-76 and the Tennessee State All-American was re-united with the "Swamp Fox" at Philly from 1979-82... Upon his retirement in 1981, Claude was a scout and defensive assistant for the Eagles for one season...

Personal File

Player: Philadelphia Eagles, 1979-81
Atlanta Falcons, 1968-78
First round pick who became NFL Rookie of the Year in 1968 and played in six Pro Bowls.

College: All-American DE at Tennessee State with 35-3-1 record from 1965-67

Personal: Born June 29, 1944, Memphis, TN. He and his wife, Sandra, have three children, Cheyenne, Claudia, and Cherokee.

AL GROH
SPECIAL TEAMS, TIGHT ENDS

NFL Coaching Experience: 1st year
Combined NFL Service: 1st year
College: Virginia

Coaching Notes: New special teams and tight ends coach Al Groh begins his first season in the NFL ranks after a six year career as head coach at Wake Forest... The 43 year-old product of New York leaves the Demon Deacon program as the second winningest coach (26) in school history... His teams broke virtually every offensive record at the ACC school... Groh's 1984 squad captured the school's only second winning season (6-5) in the last 13 years... Al has coached alongside the likes of Bill Parcells, John Mackovic, Bill Dooley and Tom Cahill... He endured the second longest coaching tenure of any Deacon besides Wake Forest legend Douglas Walker...

Personal File

College: Head Coach, Wake Forest, 1981-1986
Assistant Coach, Texas Tech, 1980
Assistant Coach, Air Force Academy, 1978-79
Assistant Coach, North Carolina, 1973-1977
Assistant Coach, Virginia, 1970-72
Assistant Coach, U.S. Military Academy, 1968-69

Player: Virginia, 1964-67, Defensive End

Personal: Born July 13, 1944, New York, NY. He and his wife, Anne, have three children, Michael, Ashley and Matthew.

TIM JORGENSEN
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

NFL Coaching Experience: 3 years
Combined NFL Service: 3 years
College: Southwest Missouri State

Coaching Notes: First-year strength and conditioning coach Tim Jorgensen is another in a line of Atlanta staffers that Coach Campbell plucked away from the Eagle fold to be at his side... Tim, 31, was named Philadelphia's first ever coordinator in March of 1984... Implementing some new philosophies to the Falcons this season, Jorgensen's familiar saying is... "We have to get stronger"... Because of his vast background in the field, this former football and track star at Southwest Missouri State commands a great deal of respect in the Falcons weight room... Before coming to the Eagles, Tim was the strength coach at LSU (1980) and was a graduate assistant at his alma mater (1977-79) and at Alabama (1979-80)... He still is the state of Pennsylvania's Director for the National Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association and headed up a similar chapter during his days in Louisiana...

Personal File

Pro: Strength & Conditioning, Philadelphia Eagles, 1984-86
Director of Pennsylvania Chapter—National Strength Coaches Association

College: Strength Coordinator, Louisiana State University, 1980-83
Director of Louisiana Chapter—National Strength Coaches Association
Graduate Assistant, Alabama, 1979-80
Graduate Assistant, Southwest Missouri State, 1977-79

Player: Southwest Missouri State, 1974-76, offensive guard

Personal: Born April 21, 1955, St. Louis, MO. He and his wife, Cindy, have two daughters, Jackie and Jessica.

SCOTT CAMPBELL
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

NFL Coaching Experience: 1st year
Combined NFL Service: 1st year
College: Georgia

NOTES: Former University of Georgia offensive lineman Scott Campbell (no relation to the Falcon QB, but the son of Head Coach Marion Campbell) is a welcome addition to the 1987 Falcon staff... Scott, 25, boasts three rings and four watches by virtue of his college bowl appearances with the Bulldogs and as a graduate assistant coach with Auburn... During Campbell's early travels as a player and coach, he's witnessed first hand the feats of such great running backs as Hershel Walker, Bo Jackson and Brent Fullwood... Scott shared in one national championship (1980), three SEC crowns and a trio of Sugar Bowl trips in his career in Athens... He garnered a Cotton and Citrus Bowl nod while with the War Eagles... Campbell's main duties in his first year will lie in the areas of scouting and film breakdown as well as being a liaison between the coaching staff and the league office...

Personal File

College: Graduate Assistant, Auburn, 1985-86.

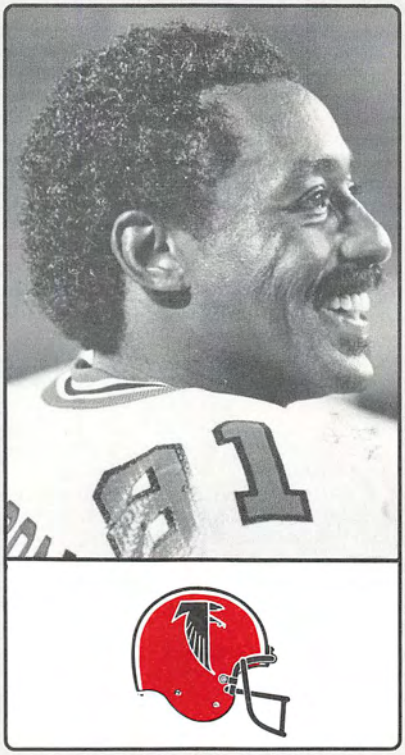
Player: University of Georgia, 1982-84, offensive tackle
Shawnee High, defensive tackle

Personal: Born August 16, 1961, Philadelphia, PA. He and his wife, Cindy, live in Duluth, Georgia.

FIRST GAME "JITTERS"

Starting your first NFL game makes most players extra nervous and jittery. But for two current Falcon running backs, that first start was one for the record books. One Sept. 2, 1979, rookie William Andrews started the season opener at New Orleans and responded with a 20-carry, club record 167-yard performance. Five years later, Gerald Riggs got his first NFL start, also at New Orleans, and burst into the spotlight with a 35-carry, club-record 202-yard performance. Neither has equalled that game-best yet in their illustrious careers.

PLAYERS 3



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WASHINGTON
3rd YEAR
HT: 5-11 WT: 182
BORN: 6/29/59

ANTHONY ALLEN
WIDE RECEIVER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 21/4—1985 (16/2), 1986 (5/2)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1983, Round 6 (156th)

LAST YEAR: With a big five-catch, 134-yard, two-TD preseason, Anthony emerged as a starter. Allen scored touchdowns in the first two contests (New Orleans and St. Louis), but in Week 3 at Dallas sustained a knee injury. He battled through two more games before being placed on Injured Reserve on 10/9. His five-game totals included 156 yards on 10 catches with a single game best of 3 for 62 (long 32) in the opener at New Orleans.

PRO CAREER: If he's a member of Delta Airlines frequent flyer program, Anthony's got a lot of mileage stored away for bonus trips. His pro odyssey has included USFL stop-offs with the Tampa Bay Bandits ('83 draft), the Los Angeles Express (trade), and the Michigan Panthers (trade). He was not protected in the Panthers merge with the Oakland Invaders, was then picked by the Baltimore Stars in a dispersal draft, then later signed by the Portland Breakers (his fifth and final team). The Falcons signed him July 18, 1985, owning his negotiating rights as a result of the '83 draft. His 32-game USFL career included 71 catches for 1,148 yards and another 580 yards on returns.

1985: Allen played in all 16 games his first year seeing action as a receiver and returner. He had 14 catches for 207 yards while saving his best game in his hometown (Seattle) with an 81-yard effort that was highlighted by a 37-yard TD catch. In Week 14 at Kansas City, he had his best return day (five kickoffs for 86 yards). His big moment as a punt returner was ruined by the yellow flag when a 64-yarder vs. the Rams was nullified.

NOTEBOOK: "Double A" shares equal NFL billing around the family with his younger brother, Patrick, who is a starting cornerback with the Houston Oilers. Week 7 this fall could see both the teams and the brothers going head-to-head.

COLLEGE: Entered the University of Washington as a quarterback, but left as one of their best receivers. In just three years, he caught 99 passes for 1,372 yards, 11 TDs, to rank third in school history. He was their second all-time leading kickoff returner with 54 for 1,283 (24 average).

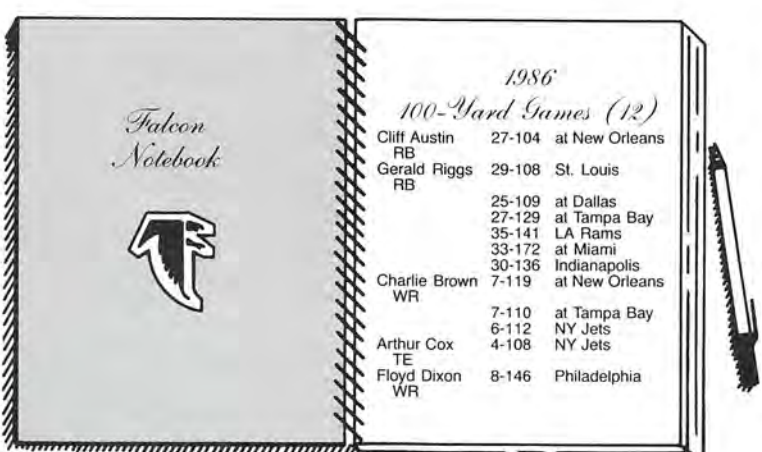
PERSONAL: Born in McComb, Mississippi, Anthony is one of 12 children. He moved to Seattle as a youngster and graduated from Garfield High. He resides in Seattle in the offseason and enjoyed coaching little league football with 9-11 year olds in his hometown. He has a four-year old daughter, Daniella.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving					Punt Returns					Kickoff Returns				
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1983-85	USFL	71	1148	16.2	—	6	51	338	6.6	—	0	13	242	18.6	—	0
1985	Atlanta	14	207	14.8	37t	2	21	141	6.7	19	0	8	140	17.5	26	0
1986	Atlanta	10	156	15.6	32	2	2	10	5.0	9	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOTALS		24	363	15.1	37t	4	23	151	6.6	19	0	8	140	17.5	26	0

ALLEN'S PERSONAL BESTS

No.	Yds.	LG	TD
RECEIVING			
3 (four times)	81 at Seattle (10/13/85) 62 at New Orleans (9/7/86)	37t at Seattle (10/13/85) 32 at New Orleans (9/7/86)	1 (four times)
PUNT RETURNS			
4 at LA Rams (9/29/85) 3 LA Rams (11/17/85)	31 LA Rams (11/17/85)	18 LA Rams (11/17/85)	None
KICKOFF RETURNS			
5 at Kansas City (12/8/85)	86 at K.C. (12/8/85)	26 at K.C. (12/8/85)	None



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AUBURN
7th YEAR
HT: 6-0 WT: 220
BORN: 12/25/55

WILLIAM ANDREWS
RUNNING BACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 87/82 [2/2]—1979 (15/15), 1980 (16/16) [1/1], 1981 (16/16), 1982 (16/16) [1/1], 1983 (16/16), 1984 IR, 1985 IR, 1986 (15/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1979, Round 3B (79th)

LAST YEAR: His "Wheels of Fortune" ran him back in the right direction. The NFL star returned after being stuck on "lose a turn" for the previous two seasons as a result of a serious knee injury. But, his powerful wheels carried his chassis back into action with 52 carries for 214 yards with a season ending drive of 18 carries, 76 yards vs. Detroit. That has William and the new offensive coaches hoping 1987 will be another jackpot of prizes. His courageous return earned him one of the NFL's Ed Block Courage Awards.

PRO CAREER: His list of accomplishments is ever-growing, but here are some of the major reasons he ranks as one of the Falcons best-ever players:

- Holds 11 club records, including most yards career rushing, most total yards, most yards rushing, game, and most passes caught in season and game.
- Has had two 2,000-yard seasons, being the second player (O.J. Simpson) to do so at that time.
- Has had three 200-yard total offense games.
- Has 22 career 100-yard rushing games.
- Was NFL's most productive back in five-year span ('79-83) before injury with 5,772 yards rushing and 8,382 total yards.
- Has career 4.6 average per carry, despite no run over 33 yards.
- Falcons are 17-5 when he rushes for 100 yards (7-2 at home, 10-3 on road).
- Had started 72 of possible 73 games in five-year span before injury.
- Named to four straight Pro Bowls before injury (80-83).

1984 and 1985: A bizarre August practice injury had seemingly ended one of the great careers in Falcon history. That August 21 day saw William tear his anterior and posterior left knee ligaments, do extensive cartilage damage (10% removed) and do damage to the peroneal nerve. The experts said this was too severe to return to football, but after 22 months of grueling rehabilitation, Mr. Andrews ran back on the practice field to the cheers of his teammates, coaches, family, friends and fans. The injury was a result of no contact, just his own weight damaging it making a cut on a normal practice play.

1983: William was introduced to the one-back offense and he was probably saying thank-you every game as he took off on a record tear. He set a new club mark with 1,567 yards rushing and added 59 catches for 609 yards and a 2,176 total. He ran for seven of the top nine individual games of his career (161, 158, 150, 150, 129, 126, 125) and led the team with 11 touchdowns.

1982: In the nine-game strike year, William totalled 1076 total yards, while the shortened schedule was the only thing that stopped him from a 4th consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season. He had his career long play (86 yard reception at Denver) and scored seven TDs in those nine games.

1981: Club records fell as William became the Falcons' first to ever have 2,000 yards (1301 rushing, 736 receiving). He caught an amazing 81 passes for another record and even caught 15 in one game (vs Pittsburgh). His 12 TDs that year is still his personal best.

1980: He broke his own club record with 1,308 yards rushing and seven 100-yard games and he was selected to the Pro Bowl for the first time in his career.

1979: The local hero set a new club rushing record as a rookie (1,023 yards) and caught 38 passes to show his versatility. His very first game was quite an eye-popper with 167 yards on 30 carries in a 40-34 win over New Orleans.

HONORS: Pro Bowl—1980, 1981, 1982, 1983. Falcons Most Valuable Player—1983, 1981. All-NFL—1983 (Sporting News, NEA, Football Digest). 2nd Team All-NFL—1983 (College & Pro Newsweekly), 1982 (AP, NEA), 1981 (Pro Football Writers Assn). All-NFC—1982 (UPI). All-NFL Rookie—(UPI).

NOTEBOOK: William was only the 15th running back picked in the 1979 draft (79th player overall) and the second one the Falcons had chosen (James Mayberry four picks earlier). Now he is still 7th among active NFL backs (Payton, Dorsett, Anderson, Dickerson, Rogers, and Tyler) despite missing two full seasons.

COLLEGE: In Auburn's wishbone offense, he did a lot of blocking for Joe Cribbs and James Brooks. As a senior, he averaged 5.1 per carry on just 72 tries (367 yards). In junior year, he was team's most valuable offensive player with 635 yards and 4.6 avg. Teammates there nicknamed him "Juice" for his number 32 and similar running style.

PERSONAL: A 1955 Christmas Day present to his parents, he was born in Thomasville, GA. He went on to become a prep star at Thomasville High with 4,339 yards and 61 touchdowns. A charitable man, he was honored nationally in April for his "Running For The Children" program, donating both money and time. He has recruited fellow NFL backs George Rogers and Hokie Gajan to run for charity in '87. The Professional Football Writers of America presented Andrews with its 1986 Halas Award, given to the person "who has played with abandon despite injury . . ." William was the Falcons Man of the Year in 1983, but he is one of the biggest charity boosters in all of Atlanta. He and his wife, Lydia, have two sons, Andy and Micah, and a new daughter, Kia, and reside in Norcross.

CAREER STATISTICS

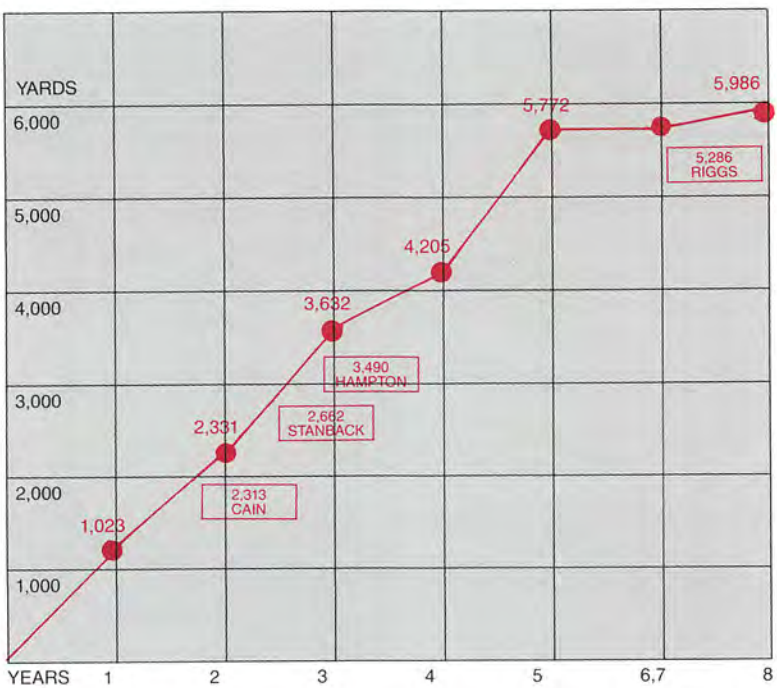
	Rushing					Receiving				
Year	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1979	239	1023	4.3	23	3	38	306	8.1	34	2
1980	265	1308	4.9	33	4	51	456	8.9	26	1
1981	289	1301	4.5	29	10	81	736	9.1	70	2
1982	139	573	4.1	19t	5	42	503	12.0	86t	2
1983	331	1567	4.7	27	7	59	609	10.3	40	4
1984				INJURED RESERVE						
1985				INJURED RESERVE						
1986	52	214	4.1	13	1	5	35	7.0	14	0
TOTALS	1315	5986	4.6	33	30	276	2645	9.6	86t	11

Quite A Combination

William's Top Combined Seasons				William's Top Combined Games				
Total	Yr.	Rush	Receive	Total	Opp.	Date	Rush	Rec.
2,176	'83	1,567	609	223	Miami	12-10-83	161	62
2,037	'81	1,301	736	207	Buffalo	12-18-83	158	49
1,764	'80	1,308	456	189	N. Orl.	7-2-79	167	22

ANDREWS' 100-YARD DAYS

	Att.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	Score
9/2/79 at New Orleans	30	167	5.6	23	1	40-34 (W)
12/10/83 at Miami	21	161	7.7	24	1	24-31 (L)
12/18/83 vs. Buffalo	28	158	5.6	20	2	31-14 (W)
10/2/83 vs. Philadelphia	25	150	6.0	25	0	24-28 (L)
9/18/83 at Detroit	32	150	4.7	23	0	30-14 (W)
12/2/79 at San Diego	21	131	6.2	14	0	28-26 (W)
11/27/83 vs. Green Bay	20	129	6.5	20t	2	47-41 (W)
9/25/83 at San Francisco	28	126	4.5	27	0	20-24 (L)
10/30/83 vs. New England	25	125	5.0	18	0	24-13 (W)
9/14/80 at New England	19	124	6.5	33	1	37-21 (W)
9/10/79 at Philadelphia	24	121	5.0	16	0	14-10 (W)
10/1/81 vs. Los Angeles	21	119	5.7	26	2	35-37 (L)
11/21/82 vs. Los Angeles	21	119	5.7	19t	1	34-17 (W)
11/9/80 at St. Louis	20	115	5.8	21	0	33-27 (W)
12/4/81 at Los Angeles	23	115	5.0	14	0	16-21 (L)
10/26/80 vs. Los Angeles	20	111	5.6	23	0	13-10 (W)
11/30/80 vs. Washington	24	111	4.6	33	0	10-6 (W)
12/19/82 at San Francisco	24	108	4.5	11	0	17-7 (W)
12/14/80 vs. San Francisco	18	105	5.8	22	0	35-10 (W)
12/7/80 at Philadelphia	18	101	5.6	17	0	20-17 (W)
11/29/81 at Houston	25	101	4.0	16	1	31-27 (W)
9/28/80 at San Francisco	21	100	4.8	14	0	20-17 (W)



ANDREWS' PERSONAL BESTS

RUSHING			
No.	**Yds.**	**LG**	**TD**
32 at Detroit (9/18/83) 30 at New Orleans (9/2/79) 28 Buffalo (12/18/83) 28 at S. Francisco (9/25/83)	167 at New Orleans (9/2/79) 161 at Miami (12/10/83) 158 Buffalo (12/18/83) 150 Philadelphia 10/2/83)	33 at New England (10/30/83) 33 Washington (12/19/82) 27 at S. Francisco (9/25/83) 26 Los Angeles (10/1/81)	2 Buffalo (12/18/83) 2 Green Bay (11/27/83) 2 Los Angeles (10/1/81)
RECEIVING			
*15 Pittsburgh (11/15/81) 8 St. Louis (10/18/81) 7 Buffalo (12/18/83)	132 St. Louis (10/18/81) 124 Pittsburgh (11/15/81) 62 S. Francisco (12/14/80)	86t at Denver (12/5/82) 70 St. Louis (10/18/81) 40 at S. Francisco (9/25/83)	2 St. Louis (10/18/81)

*Club Record

TEAM RECORDS HELD

CAREER

Most Yards Rushing 5,986
Most Rushing Attempts 1,315
Combined Net Yards 8,702
Most 100-Yard Games 22
Average Gain Rushing 4.6

SEASON

Rushing/Receiving Yards ..... 2,176 in 1983
Passes Caught ..... 81 in 1981
Avg. Gain Rushing ..... 4.9 in 1980

GAME

Rushing/Receiving Yards ..... 223 vs. Miami (12-10-83)
Passes Caught: ..... 15 vs. Pittsburgh (11-15-81)
Touchdowns Scored: ..... 3 (ties record—Buffalo 12/18-83
Green Bay 11/27/83
Denver 12-5-82)

THE 5,000 CLUB

Active NFL Backs Over 5,000 Yards

	Yrs.	Att.	Yards	TD
1. Walter Payton, Chi.	12	3692	16193	106
2. Tony Dorsett, Dal.	10	2625	11580	71
3. Ottis Anderson, N.Y.G.	8	1882	8080	47
4. Mike Pruitt, K.C.	11	1844	7378	51
5. Eric Dickerson, Rams	4	1465	6968	55
6. George Rogers, Wash.	6	1529	6563	48
7. Wendell Tyler, S.F.	10	1344	6378	50
8. William Andrews, Atl.	**6**	**1315**	**5986**	**30**
9. Marcus Allen, Raiders	5	1289	5397	49
10. Freeman McNeil, N.Y.J.	6	1185	5320	22
11. Gerald Riggs, Atl.	**5**	**1271**	**5268**	**45**
12. Joe Cribbs, S.F.	6	1234	5035	26

DAVE ARCHER

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IOWA STATE
4th YEAR
HT: 6-2 WT: 208
BORN: 2/15/62

DAVE ARCHER
QUARTERBACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 29/22—1984 (2/0), 1985 (16/11), 1986 (11/11)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as free agent, May 2, 1984

LAST YEAR: William Tell may have been an archer of skill, but Dave is an Archer whose skills we want to tell. Dave earned his starting spot and responded with the team's best-ever starts (4-0 and 5-2-1 at the halfway mark). Disaster struck in Week 11 against the Bears when Dave suffered a shoulder separation and was out for the rest of the season. In the 4-0 start, Dave had 6 TDs and just one interception, going three straight games without an interception. His 2,007 yards was on pace for a 3,000-yard campaign and his 298 yards rushing had him in position to defend his NFL QB-best total of 347 in 1985. Dave had a top passing game of 350 yards against the Jets with 269 in the upset of Dallas.

PRO CAREER: Dave led all NFL quarterbacks in rushing in 1985 and was third last year behind Randall Cunningham and Steve Young. He has been the QB of record in 23 games for Falcons (10-12-1), a feat considering the team has won just 15 games in the last three years combined (32 losses). In Dave's 23 starts, he has had 10 games without an interception and 9 games of over 200 yards passing. Dave turned down the USFL after being picked by the Denver Gold (9th round–171st player) in 1984.

1985: Dave was 4-7 as a starter of the 4-12 team, passing for 1,992 yards. With injured offensive line, he scrambled often with 73 yard game vs Eagles and 57 yard rushing game vs Kansas City.

1984: As rookie, he got credit for the season ending win over the Eagles as he replaced Mike Moroski early in the game and led squad to 26-10 decision.

NOTEBOOK: On opening day, 1986, Dave was the second youngest NFL starter (Bernie Kosar of Cleveland), although Randall Cunningham saw action in his team's opener. Dave was 24, 21 months older than Kosar and 11 months older than Cunningham. Dave has the longest TD run ever by a Falcon QB (29 vs San Francisco) and holds the season record for rushing yards by a Falcon QB also. His longest plays are 65 to Dixon (Dallas) and 62 (Cox in '85). When Dave led club to fast start last year, his high school coach in Soda Springs, Idaho (3,925) proclaimed that as the "#1 news next to the closing of one of the phosphate mines." His family and friends could get Falcon games in Soda Springs via the satellite in police lieutenant Joe Rice's house. June 15 was a "monumental" day for Dave. That's when a 12-foot granite monument marking "Dave Archer Field" was dedicated by the High School. The Elberton Granite Company donated the monument, the folks of Soda Springs came up with the money to light and repair the field.

COLLEGE: Led the Big Eight conference in passing as a senior with 2,698 yards (2,639 passing with 18 TDs). His two-year totals included 359-647 for 4,104 yards and 24 TDs with a 346-yard game vs. number one ranked Nebraska. Dave transferred from Snow Junior College in Ephraim, Utah, where he led them to the Wool Bowl. He majored in Business Management.

PERSONAL: Don & Nola Archer's son was born in Fayetteville, N.C., but moved to Soda Springs where Dave played QB since the 4th grade. He was also a safety and punter on his high school team and ran the 440 for the track team. Dave's mom and sister now reside in Atlanta, along with nephew, Josh, 2. He and his wife, Jill, (a pom-pom girl at Iowa State) reside in Norcross.

CAREER STATISTICS

	Passing							Rushing				
Year	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	Pct.	TD	Int.	Rtg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1984	11	18	181	61.1	1	1	71.9	6	38	6.3	12	0
1985	161	312	1992	51.6	7	17	56.5	70	347*	5.0	29t	2
1986	150	294	2007	51.0	10	9	71.9	52	298	5.7	22	0
TOTALS	332	624	4180	51.6	18	27	64.4	128	683	5.3	29t	2

*Led NFL Quarterbacks

GAME-BY-GAME

1986

Game	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	Sacked	LG	TD	Int.	RUSH. No.	RUSH. Yds.	TD
*At N.O. (W)	13	16	207	2-13	36	2	1	4	37	0
*St.L. (W)	10	24	160	1-8	24	2	0	5	36	0
*At Dal. (W)	15	29	269	5-36	65	1	0	7	41	0
*At TB (W)	19	36	246	1-5	40	1	0	9	32	0
*Phil. (L)	15	38	222	7-49	61	0	1	4	12	0
*Rams (W)	9	20	115	1-7	22	1	2	3	8	0
*SF (T)	16	35	176	5-37	39	1	3	5	35	0
*At Rams (L)	11	22	53	1-9	11	0	1	2	15	0
*At N.E. (L)	16	26	165	4-17	28	0	0	6	41	0
*Jets (L)	21	36	350	4-45	49	2	1	4	23	0
*Chic. (L)	5	12	44	3-23	14	0	0	3	18	0

(separated shoulder—out for year)

1985

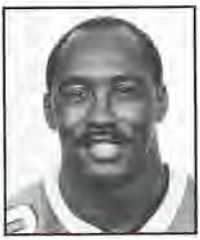
Game	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	Sacked	LG	TD	Int.	No.	Yds.	TD
Det.	Held Only—Passed for PAT to Bryan							0	0	0
At SF	4	8	30	1-6	11	0	0	1	7	0
Den.	3	5	45	1-13	25	0	0	0	0	0
At Rams	11	21	114	0-0	15	0	1	5	29	0
SF	9	11	87	3-21	16	0	0	2	36	1
*At Sea. (L)	14	27	209	2-22	37t	2	1	5	18	0
*N.O. (W)	20	30	250	1-2	26	0	3	7	29	1
*At Dal. (L)	9	23	99	5-34	19	1	3	4	5	0
*Wash (L)	4	12	36	2-12	18	0	0	3	16	0
*At Phil. (L)	12	25	133	6-39	30	1	2	9	73	0
*Rams (W)	15	30	158	3-26	31	0	0	6	0	0
*At Chic. (L)	2	15	10	3-23	9	0	2	3	19	0
*Raid. (L)	11	28	263	5-28	62t	2	2	6	28	0
*At KC (L)	16	28	146	7-53	17	0	3	5	27	0
*Minn. (W)	14	22	213	2-16	34t	1	0	8	(-2)	0
*At N.O. (W)	17	27	199	1-10	48	0	0	6	28	0

1984

Game	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	Sacked	LG	TD	Int.	No.	Yds.	TD
At T.B.	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	1	1	7	0
Phil. (W)	11	17	181	7-45	34	1	0	5	31	0

*Started ( )—QB of record.

ARCHER'S PERSONAL BESTS		
ATT.	**COMP.**	**PCT.**
38 Phil. (10/5/86) 36 Jets (11/9/86) 36 at T. Bay (9/28/86)	21 NY Jets (11/9/86) 20 NO (10/20/85) 19 T. Bay (9/28/86)	81.3 (13-16) at NO (9/7/86) 66.7 (20-30) NO (10/20/85) 63.6 (14-22) Minn. (12/15/85)
GROSS YDS.	**NET YDS.**	**LG**
350 Jets (11/9/86) 269 Dallas (10/21/86) 250 NO (10/20/85)	305 Jets (11/9/86) 248 NO (10/20/85) 241 TB (9/28/86)	65 at Dallas (10/21/86) 62t Raiders (12/1/85) 61 Phil. (10/5/86)
TD	**FEWEST INT.**	**MOST INT.**
2 Jets (11/9/86) 2 at NO (9/7/86) 2 Raiders (12/1/85)	0 10 Times	3 4 Times (S.F. 86, 3 in 85)
RUSHING YARDS	**LONGEST RUN**	**TIMES SACKED**
73 (9) Phil. (11/10/85) 57 (5) KC (12/8/85) 41 (7) Dall. (9/21/86) 41 (6) N.E. (11/2/86)	29t S.F. (10/6/85) 25 KC (12/8/85) 22 NO (9/7/86)	7 (53) KC (12/8/85) 7 (49) Phil. (10/5/86) 6 (39) Phil. (11/10/85)



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CLEMSON
5th YEAR
HT: 6-1 WT: 213
BORN: 3/2/60

CLIFF AUSTIN
RUNNING BACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 54/1—1983 (11/0), 1984 (14/0), 1985 (14/0), 1986 (15/1)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, Sept. 4, 1984

LAST YEAR: Just like a good insurance policy (there when you need it most), Cliff paid off for the Falcons. When Gerald Riggs was absent, Cliff was called on to start the season opener, his first ever NFL start. Get out the Hollywood agent's script: 27 carries, 104 yards, and a touchdown as Falcons win on the road at New Orleans (31-10)! Cliff's heroics also included a 22 yard run (9 for 71 on the day) at Tampa Bay in overtime to set up the winning field goal. On the year, the fifth-year back netted 421 total yards, but was slowed at the end by foot and ankle injuries.

PRO CAREER: Cliff moved into 5th place on the club's all-time kickoff return totals with 50 for 1,035 (20.7 average). He also put his name in the history books with a 94-yard kickoff return touchdown in 1985 as the fourth player in Falcon history to score with a KOR (1st since 1978).

1985: The team leader in kickoff returns, Cliff had 39 for 838 yards (21.5 average) and a combined yardage total of 969 yards with a 5.5 average on his 20 rushes. Those 838 yards were 4th highest in club history. The 94-yard KOR touchdown came against the Saints in a 31-24 victory.

1984: He joined Falcons after training camp and played his first NFL game against the Saints, the team that had released him a year earlier. He had spent his rookie year on the Saints injured reserve list as a result of a separated shoulder and hamstring injury.

NOTEBOOK: Clemson's '82 team was loaded with Running Backs like no other team before. Here are the seven members from that one team's backfield that went on to the Pros: Austin, Kevin Mack (Browns), Jeff McCall (Raiders), Chuck McSwain (Cowboys, Raiders), Terrence Flager (49ers #1 pick), Kenny Flowers (Falcons #2 pick) and Steve Griffin (Falcons free agent). Talk about a depth chart!

COLLEGE: He led the Clemson Tigers in rushing (824) in 1981 as they won the national championship. As a senior in '82, he tied for the ACC lead with Kelvin Bryant with 1,064 yards and scored 14 TDs. He had a top collegiate performance against Duke with 260 yards on 27 carries (a 9.6 average). His collegiate totals read: 416 for 2,139, a 5.1 career average and 27 TDs. He majored in Administrative Management.

PERSONAL: Cliff was a local high school star as he ran for 1,668 yards as a junior and then averaged over 100 yards per game as a senior at Avondale High in Decatur. He now resides in Lithonia with his wife, Portia, and daughter, Kia, 3.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Rushing					Receiving					Kickoff Returns				
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1983	N. Orl.	4	16	4.0	5	0	2	25	12.5	23	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
1984	Atl.	4	7	1.8	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	4	77	19.3	23	0
1985	Atl.	20	110	5.5	17	0	1	21	21.0	21	0	39	838	21.5	94t	1
1986	Atl.	62	280	4.5	22	1	3	39	13.0	21	0	7	120	17.1	25	0
TOTALS		90	413	4.6	22	1	6	85	14.2	23	0	50	1035	20.7	94t	1

AUSTIN'S PERSONAL BESTS

No.	Yds.	LG	TD
RUSHING			
27 at NO (9/7/86) 9 at T. Bay (9/28/86)	104 at NO (9/7/86) 71 at T. Bay (9/28/86)	22 at T. Bay (9/28/86) 17 at Dallas (10/26/86)	None
RECEIVING			
1 (four times)	21 SF (10/6/85)	21 SF (10/6/85)	None
KICKOFF RETURNS			
6 Wash. (11/3/85) Den. (9/22/85)	112 NO (10/20/85)	94t NO (10/20/85)	1 NO (10/20/85)

NOT PLAYING, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Thus far in the Falcons 21 seasons, only two jersey numbers are not being issued by the Equipment Manager. Those belong to five-time Pro Bowl LB Tommy Nobis (#60) and six-time Pro Bowl C Jeff Van Note (#57).

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SAN JOSE STATE
6th YEAR
HT: 6-1 WT: 157
BORN: 2/10/60

STACEY BAILEY
WIDE RECEIVER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 57/41—1982 (6/0), 1983 (14/10), 1984 (16/16), 1985 (15/14), 1986 (6/1)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1982, Round 3 (63rd)

LAST YEAR: A hamstring injury nagged him through training camp and the Falcons placed him on IR September 2. He returned in Week 11, got his only start in Week 12 (SF), but was slowed this time by an ankle injury. He finished with six games played and three catches for 39 yards.

PRO CAREER: Currently ranks 6th in club history with 159 receptions and 7th with 2,407 yards. He's one of only three Falcon receivers to have a 1,000-yard season (Wallace Francis and Alfred Jenkins) and has seven career 100-yard games. Holds the distinction of being the only Falcon to gain 100 yards in his first start (106 vs Eagles in 1983) and upped that to a club-record three consecutive 100-yard games. Stacey had a 36-game streak with a reception from 1983-85.

1985: Bruised ribs slowed him early and he finished with 30 catches for 364 yards, his low since the '82 rookie season. His 36-game streak was stopped in Week 8 at Dallas, while his top season game was 5-51 vs Eagles.

1984: Stacey led the team with 67 catches for 1,138 yards, second most yards in club history. He ranked 4th in the NFC and also had three 100-yard games (158 at Rams, 140 vs Eagles, and 102 at Vikings). He also had his career longest catch with a 61-yarder at San Francisco.

1983: The rookie gained his first start in Week 5 as a result of an injury to Jackson and made an impact right away. That first 106 (seven catch) game started off a first three-game tear that included 19 catches for 321 yards. In Week 14, he topped his rookie year off with a nine-catch, 159 yard game at Washington. He also had an important 50-yard TD catch on last play of half at Green Bay that created impetus for 47-41 OT comeback.

NOTEBOOK: With a build more like a basketball player, Stacey had a team low body fat composition of 3.0 per cent and has been measured with a 42-inch vertical leap. That explains why the photo file has shots of him dunking the football over the goal post after scoring touchdowns, made easier with his 4.4 speed. Acquired the nickname "Spoon."

COLLEGE: Stacey left San Jose as a conference and school record holder with 2,123 yards on 123 catches (13 TDs). He caught a pass in 21 straight games and had a personal best 146 (11 catch) game vs Long Beach State and 144-yard effort vs Fresno State.

PERSONAL: Born in San Rafael, California, Stacey prepped at Terre Linde High in that city and went on to major in psychology at San Jose. His football idol was Lynn Swann. One of his favorite hobbies is training dogs. He and his wife, Kellie, have a son, Sean, 2, and reside in Duluth.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving				
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1982	Atlanta	2	24	12.0	15	1
1983	Atlanta	55	881	16.0	53	6
1984	Atlanta	67	1138	17.0	61	6
1985	Atlanta	30	364	12.1	31	0
1986	Atlanta	3	39	13.0	21	0
TOTALS		157	2446	15.6	61	13

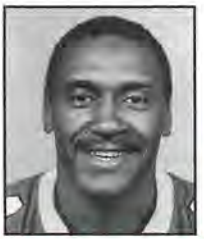
BAILEY'S PERSONAL BESTS

RECEIVING

No.	Yds.	LG	TD
9 at Wash (12/4/83) 8 Phil. (12/16/84)	159 at Wash (12/4/83) 158 at Rams (10/7/84)	61 at SF (9/30/84) 57 at Minn. (9/16/84)	2 Phil. (10/2/86)

BAILEY'S 100-YARD GAMES

159 (9 catches) ..... at Washington (12/4/83)
158 (7 catches) ..... at L.A. Rams (10/7/84)
140 (8 catches) ..... vs. Philadelphia (12/16/84)
109 (6 catches) ..... vs. New Orleans (10/9/83)
106 (7 catches) ..... vs. Philadelphia (10/2/83)
106 (6 catches) ..... at L.A. Rams (10/16/83)
102 (4 catches) ..... at Minnesota (9/16/84)



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LSU
4th YEAR
HT: 6-0 WT: 185
BORN: 9/12/60

JAMES BRITT
CORNERBACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 48/28—1983 (14/8), 1984 (16/16), 1985 (2/2), 1986 (16/2)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1983, Round 2 (43rd)

LAST YEAR: Rebounding from a fractured leg, James responded by playing all 16 games, including starts against Miami and the Colts. As a nickel back, he saved his best for the division rival Rams as he had key fumble returns in both games. The Week 6 one secured the victory and the Week 8 one was returned for 65 yards (third longest in club history). In addition, he had a forced fumble, 13 passes defended and 19 tackles on the year.

PRO CAREER: He had a 26-game starting streak ended in Week 2 at San Francisco. James has actually started games for the Falcons at three different positions (safety and both corners). He broke into starting lineup as safety, replacing Bob Glazebrook, in Week 9 vs. New England. The next year was moved to right cornerback, trading spots with Kenny Johnson. He had his start at right corner when Butler was injured (Houston-Week 4-'84). Based on Monday Night production, he'd be cinch all-star if only all games were nationally televised. James had a career best 14 tackles vs Rams (11-14-83) and followed that in his next coast-to-coast performance with a 10 tackle, one interception, one forced fumble game at Washington in 1984.

1985: In second half of second game, James fractured two bones in his lower right leg at San Francisco and worked hard all year in rehabilitation. In only full game played (Detroit), he had an interception and returned it eight yards.

1984: He was moved to a new position (RCB) swapping with Johnson and led the team with 14 passes defensed, while making 66 tackles and intercepting a pass (at Washington). His hard hits caused two fumbles that year.

1983: James worked his way into the lineup and rang up 77 tackles, four passes defensed, with an 11 tackle game in his first NFL start (New England–10-30-83).

COLLEGE: Give him the label "student-athlete" because he earned his way to a 3.6 grade point average and an accounting degree as a three-time all-SEC academic choice. And his football abilities earned him first team all-America (NEA) and first-team SEC. He broke into the LSU starting lineup as a '78 freshman, but was redshirted as a result of a fractured arm in 1981. James was drafted by both pro leagues (New Jersey of USFL) and the Falcons.

PERSONAL: A Masters Degree proudly bears the name of James Britt as he finished his MBA with a paper concerning the broadcast industry. A bachelor, James was born in and graduated from high school in Minden, Louisiana. He says he enjoys dealing with residential rental properties and currently resides in Norcross.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles					Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Assist	Int	Yards	FF	FR
1983	Atlanta	77	45	32	0	0	0	0
1984	Atlanta	66	39	27	1	10	2	0
1985	Atlanta	4	3	1	1	8	0	0
1986	Atlanta	19	12	7	0	0	1	2
TOTALS		166	99	67	2	18	3	2

BRITT'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	INT.	LONGEST FUMBLE RETURN
14 Rams (11/14/83) 11 N.E. (10/30/83)	1 at Wash. (12/4/84) 1 Det. (9/8/85)	65 at Rams (10/26/86)

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OHIO STATE
5th YEAR
HT: 6-2 WT: 238
BORN: 1/13/56

AARON BROWN
LINEBACKER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 67/2—1978 (16/0), 1979 (12/1), 1980 (16/1), 1985 (7/10), 1986 (16/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, Feb. 10, 1986

LAST YEAR: Thirty-year young Aaron was one of the leaders of the Falcons special teams cover units as he registered 12 total tackles (second best on team) and also had one QB hurry and one tackle with the defense. Aaron played in all 16 games for the third time in his NFL career.

PRO CAREER: Since being drafted in the 10th round in 1978 by Tampa Bay, Aaron has been with four NFL teams (the Bucs, Browns, Eagles and Falcons) as well as a Canadian team (Winnipeg). All told in his NFL career, he's made 81 defensive tackles, 55 special teams tackles, had a sack, an interception, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. He was with the Bucs from '78-'80, released at the end of '81 camp and signed by the Eagles the next year. He was waived at the end of the '82 Eagles camp and went to Canada for three successful years with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The Browns signed him in May of '85, but cut him at the end of camp. Philadelphia quickly claimed him and he played seven games that season. In Feb. of '86, the Falcons then signed him.

1983-85: Aaron played in 35 games for Winnipeg, going on to be the most valuable player on their defense, while earning all-star honors in the process.

1980: In 16 games, he hustled for 59 tackles on defense and 15 more on the special teams. He started vs. the Cowboys and had a team-leading 13 tackles. Aaron also had double-digit tackle games against both the Rams and Bears (10 each), with two fumbles caused and one recovered on the season.

1979: His first NFL start came against the NY Giants and he led the Bucs with 13 tackles (10-7-79). A dislocated elbow slowed him but he came back strong to help the special teams on a Buc squad that advanced all the way to the NFC Championship.

1978: Rookie Aaron played all 16 games, making his lone NFL interception against the 49ers (12-10-78) and recovering a fumble.

NOTEBOOK: "Chunky" in college became "Buffalo" or "A.B." in the pros. Aaron has played in both a Grey Cup (1984 Winnipeg) and an NFC Championship (1979 Tampa Bay), along with being an all-pro in Canada. He played NT at Ohio State in front of LB Tom Cousineau and was a teammate of Bengal Ross Browner in high school.

COLLEGE: In three years under legendary Coach Woody Hayes at Ohio State, Aaron missed but one game at middle guard. The first team All-America in 1977 (Kodak, UPI and Walter Camp), he made 106 tackles as a junior and 114 as a senior. Aaron majored in political science.

PERSONAL: Born in Warren, Ohio, Aaron prepped at Western Reserve High School on a team that also featured future pro Ross Browner. Aaron comes from a family of seven children (four brothers and two sisters) and aspires to coach on the collegiate or pro level when he finishes playing ball. He and his wife, Regina Evans, reside in Tampa, Florida.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Special Team	Int	Sacks	FF	FR
1978	Tampa Bay	8	7	1-10	0	0	1
1979	Tampa Bay	13	12	0-0	1	0	0
1980	Tampa Bay	59	15	0-0	0	2	1
1982-84	Winnipeg	NA	NA	4-65 (1 TD)	NA	0	2
1985	Philadelphia	0	9	0-0	0	0	0
1986	Atlanta	1	12	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS		81	55	1-10	1	2	2

A. BROWN'S PERSONAL BESTS
(All with Tampa Bay)

TACKLES	INT	LG	TD
13 at Giants (10/7/79) 13 at Dallas (9/21/80)	1 at S.F. (12/9/79)	10 at S.F. (12/9/79)	None

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SOUTH CAROLINA ST.
6th YEAR
HT: 5-10 WT: 184
BORN: 10/29/58

CHARLIE BROWN
WIDE RECEIVER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 62/50 [8/7]—1981 (IR), 1982 (9/9) [4/4], 1983 (15/13) [3/3], 1984 (9/4) [1/0], 1985 (13/9), 1986 (16/15)

HOW ACQUIRED: Trade with Washington on August 26, 1985, for Guard R.C. Thielemann

LAST YEAR: The Charlie Brown Express had numerous routes to offer from the short, quick ones, to the middle heart-of-traffic ones, to the high-speed non-stop choice, but they all offered a method to get "Downtown" (a.k.a. the end zone) at any time. In 1986, "CB" tuned in for three 100-yard games, nine games with four or more catches, five catches over 35 yards, and four TDs as he led Falcon receivers with 63 catches for 918 yards.

PRO CAREER: A knee injury sidelined Charlie his rookie season, but he made up for the frustrating delay in a hurry. His first NFL game included a 78-yard TD catch, an 8-yard TD catch, and five total catches against the Eagles. With a 21.6 per catch average and an NFC high 8 TDs (in just the 9-game season), Brown was on his way to the Pro Bowl as his peers recognized his talent. Given his first full 16-game schedule to work with, Charlie tied for the NFC lead, and a club record, with 78 catches and rang up 1,225 yards with eight more touchdowns. Despite a stress fracture in his foot, fractured ribs, and a hamstring injury, "Downtown" has traveled the NFL fields for 215 catches for 3,445 yards and 25 touchdowns. His playoff career (in seven starts) features 31 catches for 643 yards (a 20.7 avg) and a 70-yard TD in an NFC Championship along with a game-clinching Super Bowl TD reception.

1985: Despite arriving at the end of camp (Aug. 26), Brown started the opener and caught a TD pass in the first quarter of his first Falcon game. In Week 4, he fractured his ribs vs. the Rams, missing three full games and seven starts. He averaged 17.2 per catch (best on team) with 24 for 412 yards (3rd on team).

1984: A six-catch, 60-yard season opener was followed by one problem after another. In Week 2, he scored a TD vs. the 49ers but injured his hamstring. He bounced back in Week 4 at New England and scored another TD. Then in Week 5 an Eagle rolled over his foot after a play and caused a stress fracture in Charlie's foot. He was out until Week 13 when he burst back with 68 yards and four more catches. The next week in practice, he sprained a knee and was slowed for the final games. In between those three setbacks, he caught 18 passes for 200 yards and a trio of TDs.

1983: A one-man highlight film, he tied for the NFC lead in catches to set a Redskin record with 78 receptions. And his 1,225 yards was 4th best in the NFC and Redskin history books. A member of the Redskins' "Fun Bunch" and "Smurfs", he was chosen for the Pro Bowl as a result of six 100-yard games and six 40-plus yard grabs. His playoff performance was equally eye-popping with a 70-yard TD reception in the NFC Championship and a 28.6 average on his 14 catches in three games. He had six catches for 171 yards vs. the Rams and five for 137 vs the 49ers, followed by 3 for 93 in Super Bowl XVIII.

1982: His first year resulted in a trip to the Pro Bowl as he used those nine games to catch 32 passes for 690 yards with 78, 65, 58 and 57 yard TD plays. That 21.6

average per catch led NFL receivers who had at least 20 catches that year. He had a 156-yard game at New Orleans and 124 game vs the Eagles. In the post-season Super Bowl Tournament, Charlie was 3-69 vs Detroit, 5-59 vs Minnesota, 3-54 vs Dallas in the NFC Championship game with a TD catch, and a team-best 6-60 in the Super Bowl XVII win over Miami with the final TD.

1981: The rookie eighth-round draft choice (201st overall) injured his knee in a preseason game against Baltimore and underwent arthroscopic surgery, spending the season on injured reserve.

HONORS: Pro Bowl: 1982 and 1983 seasons
All-NFC: 2nd Team, 1982 and 1983

NOTEBOOK: John's Island, SC, High is rich in the Brown family tradition. Charlie's four older brothers all played before him (one brother was on the same team one year) and all played semi-pro football in Charleston. Now, Charlie's nephew is a 6-2 15-year old who scored 11 TD's last year. His brother, Major, was also a wide receiver but is now a minister in Pickens, S.C. A huge basketball fan (playing or watching),

CHARLIE BROWN

Charlie averaged 23 points a game in high school and wants to start a Falcon team next offseason to help raise money for area charities.

PERSONAL: Charlie, one of eight children, grew up in John's Island and still remembers the day the city of Charleston honored him after the Super Bowl win. He lists his idols growing up as Paul Warfield (from his Browns team), and Oscar Robertson and David Thompson from basketball. Charlie also likes cars and has had a Turbo Trans-Am, a candy apple red Corvette (with all-pro license tags), a Mercedes with the license plate "Cold '87" and a 930-turbo Porsche. Charlie and his wife, Terri, have a son, Charles, II, and are expecting a second child in October. They reside in Norcross, GA.

CAREER STATISTICS

Receiving

Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1981	Washington			Injured Reserve		
1982	Washington	32	690	21.6	78t	8
1983	Washington	78	1225	25.7	75t	8
1984	Washington	18	200	11.1	36	3
1985	Atlanta	24	412	17.2	48	2
1986	Atlanta	63	918	14.6	42	4
TOTALS		215	3445	16.0	78t	25

Playoff Statistics

Year	Team	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1982	Washington	4	17	242	14.2	45	2
1983	Washington	3	14	401	28.6	70t	1
1984	Washington	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
TOTALS		8	31	643	20.7	70t	3

C. BROWN'S PERSONAL BESTS

RECEIVING

No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Redskins			
11 Raiders (10/2/83)	180 Raiders (10/2/83)	78t at Phil. (9/12/82)	2 at Phil. (9/12/82)
Falcons			
7 at NO (9/7/86) 7 at T. Bay (9/28/86)	119 at NO (9/7/86) 112 Jets (11/9/86)	48 at NO (12/22/85) 42 Jets (11/9/86)	1 (six times)

BROWN'S 100-YARD GAMES

Yds.	Catches	Opponent	Date
180	11	L.A.Raiders	9/10/84
171	6	L.A.Rams	1/1/84 (pl.)
156	4	at New Orleans	12/26/82
147	7	Philadelphia	11/27/83
140	8	at L.A.Rams	11/20/83
137	5	SanFrancisco	1/8/84 (pl.)
124	3	at Philadelphia	11/28/82
119	7	at New Orleans	9/7/86
112	6	NY Jets	11/9/86
110	7	at Tampa Bay	9/28/86
101	8	at San Diego	10/31/83

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OKLAHOMA
4th YEAR
HT: 6-4 WT: 265
BORN: 3/20/62

RICK BRYAN
DEFENSIVE END

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 48/48—1984 (16/16), 1985 (16/16), 1986 (16/16)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1984, Round 1 (9th overall)

LAST YEAR: Sooner or later, this Sooner from Oklahoma should be selected by his peers to the Pro Bowl. The boomer Sooner has been lowering the boom on NFL QBs and RBs in steady, consistent fashion for three years now and deserves billing as one of the NFL's top linemen. Ready for some proof to back-up that claim? In 1986, Rick led the Falcons in three categories as he had his third straight 100-plus tackle season. His 120 tackles was best among down linemen, his seven QB sacks led the team, and his three forced fumbles ranked at the top of the list. His 31 QB hurries were second-highest and his desire was probably unmatched as he battled through a cracked bone in his leg to start all 16 games and extend his streak to 48 for 48. He had a pair of 12 tackle games last fall (vs Rams and Eagles) and had both a QB sack and a forced fumble in the Cowboys and 49ers games. Did we throw versatile into the story yet? He made the switch from defensive left end to defensive right end under new defensive coordinator Marion Campbell just one year after moving from right tackle. That's right, three different starting positions in three straight years.

PRO CAREER: He was made a starter from his first NFL practice and he's been a model of consistency since. In a perfect 48-48 in games started, he's accumulated 345 tackles (115 per season and 7.2 per game averages) with 18.5 QB sacks and five forced fumbles. He jumped right in during his first year and made enough of an impression to earn NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year honors by several and all-NFL Rookie teams by almost everyone that compiled one.

1985: Rick suffered a stomach pull in midseason but never missed a game as he finished as the team's second leading tackler with 100 from his right end position. He tied for club lead with 7.5 sacks while registering 12 tackles against both the Bears and Chiefs. Rick's best individual performance was a 10-tackle, 2.5 sack (-21 yards), two fumbles caused effort versus Chiefs.

1984: The consensus all-Rookie, Bryan was second on the club with 125 tackles along with four QB sacks from his right tackle slot. He had five double-figure tackle games with 12 versus Tampa Bay, 11 against the Lions and 10 each battling the 49ers, Giants and Rams.

NOTEBOOK: His first NFL tackle is still in the club record book because it was a QB sack of New Orleans QB Richard Todd. Rick most likely holds the distinction of being the only NFL player to start at three different positions over the last three seasons. Bryan was the 9th player taken overall in the 1984 draft, but was the 6th defensive player chosen. He was also the second defensive lineman chosen in that draft (Kansas City took DT Bill Maas from Pitt with the 5th pick).

HONORS: 1984: NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year (Football Digest)
NFC Defensive Rookie of the Year (USA Today)
NFL All-Rookie (UPI, Pro Football Writers)

COLLEGE: Rick was the two-time Big Eight Conference Defensive Player of the Year and two-time All-America tackle in 1982 and 1983. He eclipsed the Selmons'

achievements to become the Sooners' all-time leader in tackles for a lineman with 352 and was the only lineman there to ever have over 100 tackles three years in a row. In addition, Rick was a proud three-time honoree as a all-Big Eight Academic selection (Business Administration). He was recruited as a tight end but made a natural permanent move to the defense.

PERSONAL: Rick Don Bryan wears his "good 'ol country boy" label with pride. He returns to the farm in Oklahoma in the offseason which is what he's known all his life. One of three Bryan brothers to play at Oklahoma, Rick will be watching the youngest, Steve, as the 5th round pick tries out with the Bears this year. Brother Mitch played tight end and special teams. Rick, too, had played some TE and LB in high school (Coweta, Oklahoma). Rick and his wife, Shelby, still reside in Coweta.

CAREER STATISTICS

TACKLES

Year	Team	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	Fumbles FF	Fumbles FR
1984	Atlanta	125	78	47	4	0	0
1985	Atlanta	100	64	36	7.5	2	0
1986	Atlanta	120	70	50	7	3	0
TOTALS		345	212	133	18.5	5	0

BRYAN'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	QB SACKS	FF	SAFETY
12 Eagles 10/5/86 12 at Rams 10/26/86 12 at Chic. 11/24/85 12 at K.C. 12/8/85 12 at T.B. 12/9/84	2½ Minn. 12/15/85 1½ at K.C. 12/8/85	2 Minn. 12/15/85	1 at N.O. 9/2/84

CURRENT FALCONS NAMED TO ALL-ROOKIE TEAM

Tony Casillas 1986
Rick Bryan 1984
Mike Pitts 1983
John Rade 1983
Andrew Provence 1983
Buddy Curry 1980
Reggie Wilkes 1978

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FLORIDA STATE
7th YEAR
HT: 5-11 WT: 175
BORN: 5/28/59

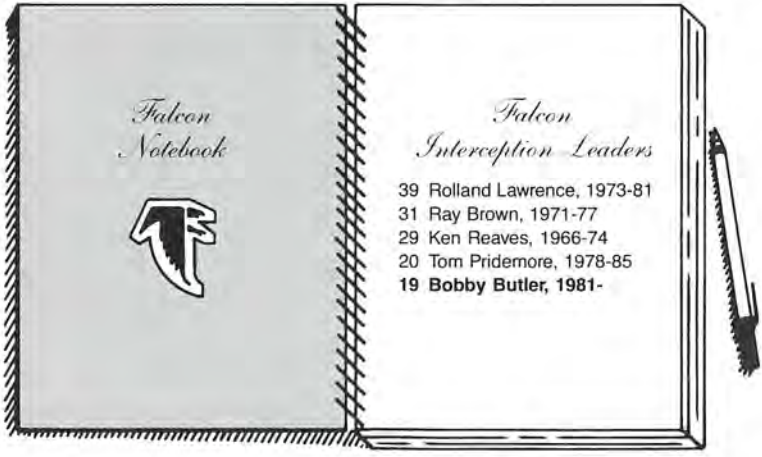
BOBBY BUTLER
CORNERBACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 79/79—1981 (16/16), 1982 (9/9) [1/1], 1983 (16/16), 1984 (15/15), 1985 (16/16), 1986 (7/7)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1981, Round 1 (25th overall)

LAST YEAR: "The Butler did it" isn't a guess of who was guilty in a murder case, rather an achievement this Butler pulled off last year when he was the only defensive starter to keep his same starting position from the previous year. All other 10 members of Marion Campbell's unit either were switched or picked up via trades, but the stalwart left cornerback became one of the cornerstones of the defense. In Week 7, the 5-1-1 Falcons suffered a terrible break when the dependable Butler fractured the upper end of his right leg (fibula) and sustained a severe ankle sprain that required screws in the ankle joint. Up to that point in the season, the coaches thought he was performing at his most consistent level ever and was making a serious bid for a Pro Bowl spot. He enjoyed a big moment in Week 3 at Texas Stadium when he stole a Cowboy pass and returned it 33 yards for a TD in the Falcons' 37-35 upset. He had made 27 tackles, forced a fumble and been credited with 11 passes defensed until disaster struck in that game vs. San Francisco.

PRO CAREER: He immediately earned a starting spot and has now been the starter in 79 of a possible 89 regular season games played since being drafted by the Falcons in 1981. He missed one game in 1984 (vs. Houston) with a sprained ankle.



Bobby has led or tied for the team interception lead in 1982, '83 and '85 and had led in passes defensed from '83-'85 as well. Heading into '87, Bobby ranks fifth on the club career interception list with 19, just one behind Tom Pridemore.

1985: A team leader in both interceptions (5) and passes defensed (21), Bobby also had a career best 78 tackles with four games of seven or more tackles.

1984: Bobby had both his interceptions in the season opener vs. New Orleans, but missed the only game of his career (Week 4) because of an ankle sprain.

1983: He made four interceptions, but saved his work for the most needy spots by making three of those interceptions in the end zone to prevent TDs (vs. Chicago, San Francisco, and Jets). He was in on 75 tackles (49 solo) and topped the team with 13 passes defensed.

1982: He led the club with 20 passes broken up and tied for the lead with a pair of interceptions in the strike-shortened year.

1981: The rookie Butler jumped right in and made five pass interceptions (good for 93 return yards) with a long return of 41 yards and a game-saver in the end zone in the Houston contest. He also blocked a field goal vs. the 49ers.

NOTEBOOK: Bobby's biggest test of 1987 will be coming back from his broken leg, but his second biggest will be trying to make two pizzas from scratch in 1 minute, 15 seconds. That's right, because Bobby is a Manager Trainee at Domino's Pizza in Lawrenceville and one of the prerequisites to becoming a manager is to be able to do it all. "There's a lot of teamwork involved there, too. It's challenging and competitive," quick-hands Butler noted.

The '81 draft can be labeled the Year of the Defensive Back. Bobby was the sixth DB taken in the first round behind Kenny Easley (Seattle), Ronnie Lott (49ers), Dennis Smith (Denver), Ted Watts (Raiders), and Hanford Dixon (Browns).

COLLEGE: Bobby had six interceptions as a junior for Florida State, but dropped to three as a senior, mainly because teams stopped throwing in his direction. Bobby earned first team all-America honors by NEA and third team by AP. The quick leaper also blocked an amazing seven kicks in college including two in Bowl Games ('80 Orange vs. Oklahoma and '77 Tangerine vs Texas Tech). He once shut out Florida's Cris Collingsworth in 17-13 win over rivals. Bobby was a member of the NCAA third-place finishing track team at FSU and had been clocked at 9.3 in the 100.

PERSONAL: Born in Boynton Beach, FL, Bobby starred at Atlantic High in Delray Beach. He and his wife, Cyrillyn, reside in Norcross and are eagerly awaiting their first child in September.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			Interceptions				
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1981	Atlanta	49	39	10	5	86	14.1	41	0
1982	Atlanta	25	19	6	2	0	0.0	0	0
1983	Atlanta	75	49	26	4	3	0.8	12	0
1984	Atlanta	48	38	10	2	25	12.5	25	0
1985	Atlanta	68	43	25	5	-4	-.8	0	0
1986	Atlanta	27	12	15	1	33	33.0	33	1
TOTALS		292	200	92	19	143	7.5	41	1

BUTLER'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	INT.	LG	TD
8 at Sea. (10/13/85) 7 at S.F. (9/15/85)	*2 at NO (9/2/84) 1 at Dallas (9/21/86)	41 at NO (11/1/81) 33t at Dallas (9/21/86)	1 at Dallas (9/21/86)

*ties club record

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PURDUE
4th YEAR
HT: 6-0 WT: 195
BORN: 4/15/62

SCOTT CAMPBELL
QUARTERBACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 22/2—1984 (5/0), 1985 (16/2), 1986 (1/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a future free agent, Nov. 7, 1986, then signed new contract, Nov. 17, 1986

LAST SEASON: The Steelers released Scott after three weeks of the season, but other NFL clubs were interested. After rejecting offers from Dallas, Green Bay and Tampa Bay, Scott signed a "future" contract with the Falcons on Nov. 7. He stopped through Atlanta en route to a vacation at Hilton Head to watch the Falcons play the Bears on Nov. 16 and was paged from the stands after Dave Archer separated his shoulder and was out for the year. Scott signed a new contract on the 17th and spent the final five weeks on the active roster, seeing time vs. the 49ers his first week with the team (1 for 3 for 7 yards).

PRO CAREER: Drafted in the 7th round in 1984 (191st overall), Scott spent the two-plus years at Pittsburgh behind Mark Malone and David Woodley playing in 21 games and starting a pair. His most memorable game came vs. Buffalo (Week 15–Dec. 15) in '85 when he rallied the club to their biggest comeback in team history. Down 21-0, he replaced Malone and led the team to 30 points and a 30-24 win with 275 yards passing. He got his first NFL start unexpectedly in Week 12 of '85 vs. Washington when Woodley got a stomach virus and Scott was informed in pregame warmups that he would start. During the 1986 offseason (April 7), Scott underwent surgery for a herniated disc.

1985: In his 1st start, he passed for 224 yards (15-35) with 2 TDs in 30-23 loss to Redskins. Scott got the game ball for his heroics in the 30-24 comback win vs. Buffalo (Week 15) and started the finale vs. the Giants. Despite leaving the game twice (knee injury), he hit 10-23 for 113 yards with a 34-TD to John Stallworth in 28-10 loss. His season totals included 612 yards and four touchdowns.

1984: The rookie came off the bench in Week 12 (New Orleans) to direct an 8-play, 74-yard scoring drive with a 25-yard TD to WR Louis Lipps. In that debut, he was 6-9 for 83 yards. Then in Week 14, Scott had a seven-play, 69-yard, second quarter scoring drive vs. Cleveland.

NOTEBOOK: Scott was the 11th QB selected in the '84 draft. He is the son of a former pro wide receiver (Ken—New York Titans of the AFL) who is now athletic director at Hershey (PA) High. A musician, he enjoys "playing the keyboards." If you forget his birthday, you've probably forgotten to file your income tax, too (April 15).

COLLEGE: The Big Ten's second all-time leading passer (7,636 yards) behind Mark Hermann, Scott was a three-year starter and senior MVP at Purdue. His first collegiate start as a sophomore was a 14 for 17, 177-yard performance in win over John Elway's Stanford team. He had an amazing 516 yard game (Ohio State) on 31-52 passes for a career best. His career stats include 609 for 1,060 (57.5%), 45 TDs, 41 Ints, and six 300-yard games. He obtained his degree in restaurant, hotel, and institutional management.

PERSONAL: Robert Scott Campbell starred in his hometown of Hershey (yes, where they make the chocolates), earning eight letters via four sports (football,

baseball, basketball and track). Scott and his wife, Kim (a June '86 bride) now reside in Duluth, GA.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Passing								Rushing			
Year	Team	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	LG	TD	Int.	Rtg.	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1984	Pitt.	15	8	109	53.3	25t	1	1	71.3	3	-5	-1.7	0
1985	Pitt.	96	43	612	44.8	51	4	6	53.7	9	28	3.1	0
1986	Pitt.	4	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	—	0	0	0.0	0
1986	Atl.	3	1	7	33.3	7	0	0	—	1	7	7.0	0
TOTALS		118	52	728	44.1	51	5	7	55.2	13	30	2.3	0

CAMPBELL'S PERSONAL BESTS
PASSING
(All Pittsburgh)

Att.	Comp.	Pct.
38 Buff (12/15/85) 35 Wash (11/24/85)	18 Buff (12/15/85) 15 Wash (11/24/85)	47.3 Buff (12/15/85) 42.9 Wash (11/24/85)
Gross Yds.	**Net Yds.**	**LG**
275 Buff (12/15/85) 224 Wash (11/24/85)	237 Buff (12/15/85) 216 Wash (11/24/85)	51 Buff (12/15/85) 45 Buff (12/15/85)
Rushing Yardage	**Longest Run**	**Times Sacked**
26 (7) Wash (11/24/85)	14 Wash (11/24/85)	4 (32) Buff (12/15/85)
TD	**Fewest Int.**	**Most Int.**
2 Buff (12/15/85) 1 Wash (11/24/85)	0 1 time	3 Wash (11/24/85) 2 Buff (12/15/85)

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OKLAHOMA
4th YEAR
HT: 6-0 WT: 178
BORN: 5/17/62

SCOTT CASE
CORNERBACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 46/28—1984 (16/0), 1985 (14/13), 1986 (16/15)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1984, Round 2a (32nd overall)

LAST SEASON: What started out a *case* for the defensive coordinator ended up a show*case* for Scott to display his skills. Coordinator Campbell made a *case* to his assistants that Scott be moved to the starting right cornerback spot after two seasons at safety (he had won the free safety job from Tom Pridemore in '84 and had replaced an injured Kenny Johnson at strong safety in Week 3). In *case* of emergencies, Scott was there with a team high 41 passes defensed, five interceptions (second best), and 69 tackles (second best in secondary). In *case* you forget, let us remind you, too, of Scott's interception in the end zone to save a big win over Miami in Week 13. It was no *case* of mistaken identity, either, to see Scott getting two QB hurries when the coaches sent him blitzing into the backfield. In one case last year,

Scott was overly aggressive, resulting in ejection from the Tampa Bay game. This paragraph for Scott may be just a brief *case*, but you get the message, he's a special *case* to the Falcons. *Case* closed.

PRO CAREER: Drafted as the 32nd player overall, aggressive Scott played all 16 games as a rookie, then broke in as the starting free safety the next summer. He now has eight interceptions (119 return yards) in two years as a starter and is quite aggressive and physical in his style of play. He's had five double-figure tackle games and even a QB sack to his credit already.

1985: Scott led the secondary with 95 tackles, was second in interceptions (4), first in return yards (78) and started at two different positions during the year. He had high tackle games of 13 (vs Vikings), 12 (SF and Washington), and 10 (Raiders) with a unique sack from the secondary vs. the 49ers. His 47-yard return at Dallas was the longest since 1981. He sat out two games (New Orleans-thigh and Kansas City-knee).

1984: In fifth NFL game, Scott scored two points with a safety of San Francisco punter Max Runager, knocking him emphatically out of the back of the end zone. His 13-tackle game vs. Cincinnati was the best of his 42-tackle rookie season. He saw action in all 16 games, including special teams duty.

NOTEBOOK: Scott was the fifth defensive back taken in the '84 draft behind Mossy Cade (Chargers), Leonard Coleman (Colts), Don Rogers (Browns), and Terry Taylor (Seahawks). He was also the second of three straight Oklahoma players the Falcons chose with their first picks: Rick Bryan (9th), Scott (32nd) and Thomas Benson (36th). Also, Scott had been selected by the Oklahoma Outlaws of the USFL in 1984.

COLLEGE: At Oklahoma, Scott played cornerback in 1982 and then safety in 1983. As a team captain (along with Rick Bryan), he led the Big Eight in interceptions his senior year with 8 for 110 yards and a touchdown. He was honorable mention all-America and first team Big Eight as a senior. Scott transferred to OU from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Junior College. He was on the same defense with current Falcons Bryan and Casillas, with a freshman LB Brian Bosworth among the other talented defensive stars from OU in the 80s.

PERSONAL: Born in Waynoka, Oklahoma, Scott still has a ranch back home and enjoys horses and hunting. He attended high school in Alva, Oklahoma and graduated from Edmond (Oklahoma) Memorial High. He and his wife, Connie, have two children: Kelsey, 3, and Kyler, 1.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			Interceptions				Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst.	No.	Yds.	LG	TD	FF	FR
1984	Atlanta	42	28	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
1985	Atlanta	95	58	37	4	78	47	0	1	0
1986	Atlanta	69	42	27	4	41	41	0	0	0
TOTALS		206	128	78	8	119	47	0	1	0

CASE'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	INT	LG	TD
13 Minn (12/15/85) 13 at Cinn (11/25/84) 12 at S.F. (9/15/85) 12 Wash (9/3/85)	1 (8 times)	47 at Dallas (10/27/85) 41 at Det. (12/21/86) 31 Den. (9/22/86)	None

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OKLAHOMA
2nd YEAR
HT: 6-3 WT: 280
BORN: 10/26/63

TONY CASILLAS
NOSE TACKLE

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 16/16

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1986, 1st round (2nd overall)

LAST SEASON: Just like "Tony the Tiger" says a certain cereal is "Grrrreat," "Tony the Dominator" helped make the Falcon '86 defense the NFL's most improved (28th to 6th in points, 25th to 7th in yards) and is working towards "Grrreat" for this unit in 1987. This Tony, however, was a tiger wrestling with the likes of Bears and Lions in the NFL and ending up with 111 tackles, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery, a QB sack, and 11 QB hurries in his perfect 16-16 games played-started rookie season. In his first NFL game he led the team with nine tackles and peaked with a 14-tackle effort (vs Saints-Week 15) and a pair of 12-tackle games (49ers and Lions), plus a nine-tackle, fumble recovery match with the Bears. Tony became the top pick from the '86 draft to play as Bo Jackson opted for baseball.

HONORS: NFL All-Rookie Team: Pro Football Writers Association
United Press International
Pro Football Weekly

NOTEBOOK: He learned quickly that NFL nose tackles do attract a lot of attention "kind of like a fire hydrant does with dogs", but has the intensity and desire to be one of the NFL's top defensive linemen. Tony also seems to do most things in rather large quantities. His first practice with the Falcons he lost nine pounds, so he immediately drank 12 Gatorades to quench the thirst. And, in Oklahoma City, Cattle Rustler's Restaurant will remember him for adding real meaning to "All-you-can-eat" with a six-steak, eight baked potato appetite one dinner. Tony has also helped Atlanta charities in a large way, too, in just one year. Tony was the Honorary Chairman of the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) program, visiting children at Grady Memorial Hospital's Burn Center, doing autograph sessions, and filming public service spots. He also worked with his wife, Lisa Clayton, to "Beat Leukemia" through Emory University's research program. Tony pledged $500 for every sack to the Jill Andrews Memorial Fund in honor of a 13-year old who died following an experimental bone marrow transplant.

COLLEGE: The country's Lombardi Award winner, symbolic of the best college lineman, Tony earned his nickname "the Dominator" from Coach Switzer referring to him as the most dominating OU player since Selmon. As a two-time All-American, he was the player a poll of Big Eight coaches twice picked as "the one to choose in starting a team from scratch." He had a school record 21 tackles behind the line as a junior (10 QB sacks) including a four-sack performance vs. Iowa State. As a junior, OU was number one in the country in rush defense. As a senior, he missed three games (knee), but when he returned OU allowed but one rushing TD over the final seven-game period. In '81, Tony tore a tendon in his ankle and was redshirted. Then, he played tackle behind Falcon Rick Bryan in '82 before moving into starting NT position and stardom. Tony obtained his degree in Communications.

PERSONAL: Tony Steven Casillas is the middle child of seven (five girls, two boys) of Mexican-American descent of Pete, a machinist by profession. A graduate of East Central High in Tulsa, Oklahoma, (where he also played baseball), Tony's life took a new turn as a sophomore at OU when he met Lisa Clayton, then a senior teaching assistant, in psychology class. In 1985, they married (he kept his name, she kept hers) and they have both eagerly sought professional careers of their own. Lisa is now attending medical school at Emory University. Their "child" is a black chow dog named Bobo. They currently reside in Decatur.

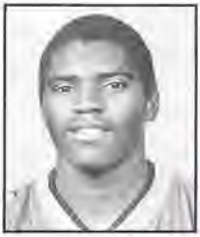
CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks	FF	FR
1986	Atl.	111	55	56	1	2	1

CASILLAS' PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	SACKS	FF	FR
14 NO (12/14/86) 12 at Det. (12/21/86) 12 at S.F. (11/23/86)	1 at Det. (12/21/86)	1 S.F. (10/19/86) 1 at Dallas (9/21/86)	1 Chicago (11/16/86)

"Tony's inside strength is tremendous and the best part is, as good as he is now, he's just going to be that much better as he learns the League. Tony has the tools the great nose men have, plus he's got a mean streak." *Coach Campbell.*



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OREGON
3rd YEAR
HT: 5-11 WT: 192
BORN: 1/22/63

WENDELL CASON
SAFETY

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 30/20—1985 (14/14), 1986 (16/6)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, May 3, 1985

LAST SEASON: Wendell's highlights came early last fall. He was moved to strong safety and became the starter. In Week 3's upset of Dallas he had a fumble recovery and then in Week 4 he made a crucial pass interception with 2:20 remaining to set up game-tying FG vs Tampa Bay in club's 4-0 start. He lost his starting spot to Robert Moore in Week 6, but stayed ready and jumped in at right corner when Scott Case was injured on the opening kickoff vs. Miami. For the year, Wendell had 27 tackles and five passes defensed, while seeing action in all 16 games.

PRO CAREER: He's proof that you should never give up. After a solid training camp as a free agent, Wendell was cut on the final roster cutdown. He went home and watched the NFL on TV. Two weeks later the Falcons called for him to come back, and not only was he added to the roster, he became the starter at cornerback. In those 14 games, Wendell had 57 tackles, three interceptions, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble. He was also second on the club with 14 passes defensed. In Week 16, 16-10 win at New Orleans, Wendell caused fumble of Earl Campbell and recovered the ball in end zone to provide margin of difference in win.

COLLEGE: At Oregon, Wendell was a two-year starter at left cornerback. He was a teammate of current Falcon #1 pick Chris Miller. Wendell was a Business major.

PERSONAL: Born in Lakewood, California, Wendell was one of five children. He played football and basketball at Carson High in Carson, California. He and his wife, Deborah, have two sons, Dionne and Antoine.

CAREER STATISTICS

			Tackles		Interceptions			Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Assists	No.	Yds.	LG	FF	FR
1985	Atlanta	57	42	15	3	30	22	0	2
1986	Atlanta	27	12	15	1	10	10	0	1
TOTALS		84	54	30	4	40	22	0	3

CASON'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	INT.	LG	FF	FR
8 at Rams (9/29/85) 8 S.F. (10/6/85) 8 at Dallas (10/27/86)	1 (4 times)	22 at Dallas (10/27/85) 8 Minn. (12/15/86)	1 at NO (12/22/85)	1 (4 times)

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NEBRASKA
2nd YEAR
HT: 6-3 WT: 198
BORN: 2/24/61

BRET CLARK
FREE SAFETY

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 16/16

HOW ACQUIRED: Trade, L.A. Raiders—4th round pick, April 29, 1986 (draft day)

LAST SEASON: It was simply a "give-and-take" year for Bret. He told the opponents to give him the ball or he was going to take it. In his first NFL season, Bret had an amazing seven take-aways, including a streak of four straight games (Weeks 6-9). The 25-year old USFL refugee supplied some punch to the Falcon defense with these statistics:

- Led team with five interceptions
- Led team with 94 return yards
- Led secondary with 88 tackles
- Led special teams with 15 tackles
- Had 15 passes defensed
- Had two forced fumbles
- Had two fumble recoveries
- Deflected a punt

To say that Bret was a pleasant surprise for the Falcons would be equal to saying that "Gone With the Wind" was just a movie. He had 12-tackle games vs. the Rams and Cardinals, with pass interceptions in both the Ram games, the Miami game, New England and the Colt contest. His forced fumbles and recoveries were both against the Cowboys and 49ers. In the first Ram game, Bret deflected a punt that led to the go-ahead TD in the Falcons Week 6 win.

PRO CAREER: Although no criminal records exist, Bret has been called a thief... a Raider... and even a Bandit, not as suitable words as his college defensive coordinator used when he said: "He looks & acts like an altar boy until he gets on the football field." His Falcon stats belie that he's a thief on the field, but he was an original draft choice of the Raiders (7th round) before the Falcons made a trade. And, Bret started his pro career as a Tampa Bay Bandit in the USFL when he signed an '84 contract with John Bassett (four years and a personal services deal). Of course, the gold Bret saw in that contract didn't include the Denver Gold, who had owned his rights. He missed camp while the Bandits and Gold solved the problem. Then, after seven games he left in a contract dispute and had to file a law suit for breach of payment. He won a year later and on August 5, 1986, a moving van actually loaded up all the team's equipment, weights, and souvenirs as payment for Bret. His lawyers sold them back to the Bandits for cash and an unusual saga ended for Bret as he was now in Suwanee fighting for a new job.

COLLEGE: From 1982-84, Bret played on Nebraska teams that had a 34-4 record, including a 22-game winning streak ended when they went for a two-point conversion in the Orange Bowl (a 31-30 loss to Miami in Jan., 1984) and failed. Personally, he had 143 tackles those three seasons with a school record 101 unassisted tackles from the secondary and a school record 19 passes broken up. He also had 12 interceptions and five fumble recoveries (a thief then, too) as an all-American and two-time all Big-Eight performer.

PERSONAL: The son of Kenneth and Alice, Bret graduated from Nebraska City

High where he was team most valuable player of both the football and basketball team. He and his wife, Tammy, reside in Lincoln, Nebraska, while Bret continues working toward his college degree.

NOTEBOOK: An excellent athlete, Bret has a standing vertical jump of almost 33", less than 7% body fat and consistent 4.5 speed.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			Interceptions				Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Assist	No.	Yds.	LG	TD	FF	FR
1986	Atl.	88	61	27	5	94	34	0	2	2

CLARK'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	INT.	LG
12 Cards (9/14/86) 12 at Rams (10/26/86)	1 (5 times)	34 Rams (10/12/86) 26 Colts (12/7/86)
FF	**FR**	**SACKS**
1 at Dallas (9/21/86) S.F. (10/19/86)	1 at Dallas (9/21/86) S.F. (10/19/86)	1 Rams (10/12/86)

BRET CLARK

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CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE
2nd YEAR
HT: 6-3 WT: 244
BORN: 6/1/60

JOE COSTELLO
LINEBACKER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 14/0

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, September 16, 1986

LAST YEAR: "When one door closes, another one opens," says Joe, who proved that quite true just last year alone. On March 17, the door slammed shut with the Jacksonville Bulls of the USFL. On June 20, the door opened with the Cleveland Browns. He had a terrific preseason (Week 3 vs. the Falcons he made an indelible impression and Week 4 vs. the Raiders he did the same). He made the Browns 45-man roster, but two days later they signed Brad Van Pelt, whom the Raiders had released. Joe heard the door slam again, but knew there was an open door in the CFL (Ottawa). While checking that out, he got a call from the Raiders for a tryout (Sept. 12). They said they might be interested later, but the Falcons called sooner (Sept. 16) and Joe walked through the open door at Suwanee. In Week 5, an injury to Joel Williams opened yet another door of opportunity for Joe. He responded with two QB sacks, a QB hurry, and even forced a fumble from his outside linebacking spot. He also was a big addition to the special teams all year. It looks like maybe Joe put a door stop to hold this door open a while.

PRO CAREER: Joe, a veteran of three professional Leagues, started off with the Montreal Alouettes in 1982 as a defensive end. After two years and little action, he was cut and took his chance with the USFL (Jacksonville Bulls). As a DE, he led that '84 squad with five QB sacks (-40 yards), but was switched to linebacker in '85, earning a starting spot midway through the year. He again led the team in sacks, but was released the following training camp (March '86). Cleveland gave him another chance, proving he could make it in the NFL. Now, in 1987, Falcon coaches will experiment with Joe as an inside linebacker.

COLLEGE: Playing defensive line at little-known Central Connecticut State, Joe was 1st team all-East and honorable mention all-American. He earned his B.S. degree in Accounting.

PERSONAL: Born in New York, New York, Joe moved away as a child and attended Stratford, Connecticut, High School. He claims Johnny Unitas was his favorite football hero, while enjoying studying sports statistics. Joe is single and now lives in Duluth. He has a son, Kyle, 1.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	FF	FR
1986	Atl.	4	2	2	2	2	0

COSTELLO'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES	FF
2 NO (12/14/86)	3 (total)	1 Phil. (10/5/86) at Det. (12/21/86)

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TEXAS SOUTHERN
5th YEAR
HT: 6-2 WT: 262
BORN: 2/5/61

ARTHUR COX
TIGHT END

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 64/56—1983 (16/9), 1984 (16/16), 1985 (16/16), 1986 (16/15)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, May 4, 1983

LAST YEAR: Although Arthur himself claims "to be a blocker first", he finally broke the 100-yard receiving barrier in Week 10 last year vs. the New York Jets with a four-catch, 108-yard game. That was the first 100-yard game by a Falcon TE since Junior Miller in 1980. He also had a five-catch outing vs. the Saints as he pulled in 24 passes for 301 yards, a 12.5 average with a long of 49 (Jets). But he prides himself on his blocking and those efforts helped the Falcons rank third in the League in rushing (and set a club season record) and send Riggs to a second straight Pro Bowl. Thus, in Arthur's four seasons, three times the running back has gone on to the Pro Bowl.

PRO CAREER: A moderate version of the "rags-to-riches" tale, Arthur started as a free agent out of a small school (Division I-AA Texas Southern) and has already caught 100 passes for 1,168 yards and seven touchdowns while playing in 64 consecutive games in the NFL. "Truck" was one of nine free agents to make the 1983 Falcon roster, but the only one to start on offense.

1985: Arthur did his job blocking as the Falcons were third in NFL in rushing (2466) and Riggs set a club record (1719). He grabbed 33 passes for 454 yards with a five-catch game vs. Dallas and four-catch games vs. San Francisco and Washington.

1984: With 34 catches (the most since Pro Bowler Miller's 46 of 1980), Arthur made his mark as a receiver. He had a five-catch game vs. Detroit and a two-TD game vs. Houston. Tough Arthur had arthroscopic surgery on left knee on August 1 but was back in time for the season opener.

1983: Rookie Arthur got his first start in Week 7 and earned his place despite a sprained ankle that had sidelined him through several weeks of camp. Arthur scored his first NFL TD vs. Buffalo with nine catches on the season.

NOTEBOOK: His 62-yard TD catch vs. the Raiders in 1985 is the second longest scoring play by a tight end in Falcon history. Arthur now ranks 14th in club history (100 catches) and is just 14 catches behind the Pro Bowl tight end he replaced (Junior Miller). As a free agent he was courted by the Seahawks, Steelers, Chiefs, Raiders, Dolphins, and Giants but chose the Falcons. He has good strength (470 bench press) and speed (4.78).

COLLEGE: A knee injury (ligaments) in spring training his senior year slowed NFL scouts. He did battle back to catch 33 passes for 504 yards as a tight end, but was being tried as a 6-2, 230-pound wide receiver before the injury. He was a second team all-Conference pick and a physical education major.

PERSONAL Arthur Dean Cox was one of a family of 10 children, who was born in Plant City, Florida (30 miles from Tampa Bay) and attended Plant City High. He has eight brothers and one sister. A bachelor, Arthur resides in Norcross.

"Arthur could run around people if he wanted, but I think he prefers to run over them instead." Guard Brett Miller.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	No.	Receiving Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1983	Atl.	9	83	9.2	19	1
1984	Atl.	34	329	9.7	23t	3
1985	Atl.	33	454	13.6	62t	2
1986	Atl.	24	301	12.5	49	1
TOTALS		100	1,167	11.7	62t	7

COX'S PERSONAL BESTS
RECEIVING

No.	Yds.	LG	TD
5 NO (12/14/86) 5 at Dallas (10/27/85) 5 Det. (9/9/86)	108 Jets (11/9/86) 77 LA R. (12/1/85) 61 S.F. (10/6/85)	62t LA R. (12/1/85) 49 Jets (11/9/86) 28 at N.E. (9/2/86)	2 Hous. (9/23/84)

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SAN DIEGO STATE
4th YEAR
HT: 5-8 WT: 183
BORN: 1/25/59

DAVID CROUDIP
CORNERBACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 44/7—1984 16/0 (Rams), 1985 2/0 (SD), 1985 11/0 (Atl), 1986 15/7

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, Oct. 8, 1985

LAST YEAR: Taking the creed from the Boy Scouts, David knew to "be prepared" and was ready, willing and able when the coaches named him the starter when Bobby Butler went down. He started seven games, missing two (Miami and Colts) with a hamstring pull and responded with 41 tackles, two interceptions, 18 passes defensed (second on team), a forced fumble and a recovered fumble. He got his first NFL start (Week 8) against his former team (Rams) and managed a pass interception and a forced fumble. On the year, David also had 12 special teams tackles to rank second and earn more praise.

PRO CAREER: It took four stops before David made his way to the Falcons. David was a 7th round 1983 pick of the LA Express of the USFL, starting six games before injuring his knee and being forced to the sidelines. He moved on to the Houston Gamblers (9-83 to 2-84). Without an agent, David signed with the Rams in '84 and made the club, playing in all 16 games. In '85, he was released by the Rams after camp and signed by the San Diego Chargers for two games (Week 2-3) before being cut and signed by Atlanta.

1985: In 11 Falcon games, David made contributions as the nickel back and on special teams. He had a special teams fumble recovery against the Rams in the 30-14 win. He also had big games vs. Chicago and Tampa Bay with six tackles on the special teams.

NOTEBOOK: By starting the opener for the LA Express in '83, David was able to lay claim to recovering the first fumble in USFL history in that season opener. Things happen in pairs for David: he's played for two colleges, for two professional leagues, for two USFL teams and for two NFL teams before finding his way to Atlanta. A

cornerback from San Diego St., he joins a long line of those to make it in the NFL like Willie Buchanon, Herm Edwards, Monte Jackson, Joe Lavender, Nate Wright, Vernon Dean, Terry Jackson, and Tory Nixon.

COLLEGE: David started at Ventura Junior College where he blocked five kicks before transferring on to San Diego State. He was an Industrial Arts major there. His 385-pound bench press attests to his upper body strength. David had a 100-yard interception TD return as a senior.

PERSONAL: David Rodney Croudip was born in Indianapolis, but moved to California and graduated from Compton High in the Los Angeles area. David and his wife, Holly, reside in San Diego in the offseason.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			Interceptions			Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst.	No.	Yds.	LG	FF	FR
1984	LA								2
1985	SD/Atl.	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
1986	Atl.	41	29	12	2	35	29	1	1
TOTALS		45	33	12	2	35	29	1	4

CROUDIP'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	INT.	LG	FF
6 Jets (11/9/86) 5 S.F. (10/19/86)	1 NO (12/14/86) at Rams (10/12/86)	29 NO (12/14/86) 6 at Rams (10/12/86)	1 at Rams (10/12/86)

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NORTH CAROLINA
8th YEAR
HT: 6-4 WT: 228
BORN: 6/4/58

BUDDY CURRY
LINEBACKER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 105/103—1980 (16/16) [1-1], 1981 (16/16), 1982 (9/9), 1983 (16/16), 1984 (16/16), 1985 (16/14), 1986 (16/16)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1980, Round 2 (36th overall)

LAST YEAR: Like TV had its "Hawaii 5-0", the Falcons have their "Atlanta 5-0". In one situation, the hero summed up his work by saying "Book 'em, Dan-o"; in the Falcons, it's the defensive coach saying "Tackle 'em, Buddy." For the player wearing uniform 5-0, Buddy Curry led the team in tackles for a seventh consecutive season. And, in 1986 he moved from his familiar middle spot in the 4-3 defense to one of the inside positions in the 3-4 defense of Coach Campbell. No matter, 5-0 rang up 157 tackles (second best of his career) along with 16 passes defensed (third best on team), a pass interception, and a fumble recovery. Ten of the Falcons opponents were held to 16 points or less by a defense led to the ball by this steady veteran.

PRO CAREER: The Falcon football dictionary added a new definition that reads like this: Consistent/ kon-sis-tent (Noun) 1: see Buddy Curry
Since becoming a starter for the Falcons as a rookie second round draft pick in 1980, Buddy has never missed a regular season game (105 straight) and has produced week-after-week. Already, he's registered 990 total tackles, an *average* of 141 per year and 9.1 per game played. He's intercepted seven passes and recovered four fumbles in that span, having played the middle spot, outside ('83) and inside in the 3-4 defense.

HONORS: 1982: Pro Bowl alternate
1980: Defensive Rookie of the Year (PFW)
Co-Defensive Rookie of the Year (AP)
NFL All-Rookie team (UPI, PFWA)

1985: The only year of his career he didn't start every game didn't deter him from a team-best 137 tackles. He missed the first play of Week 7, then played the rest of the game, and played only special teams in Week 11 vs Rams (ankle injury). Buddy had an interception in win over Saints and had eight games with 10 or more tackles.

1984: His highlights included a 15-tackle game vs. Houston, a blocked field goal vs. San Francisco (12-2), a fumble recovery, and a forced fumble. He led with 140 total tackles.

1983: A phenomenal 229 tackles (14.3 per game) summed up Buddy's yeoman's effort. He started 13 at outside linebacker, three in the middle. He had double figure totals in 14 games and also had a career best 4.5 sacks. He had his personal best tackle game (22) vs. San Francisco (11-20-83).

1982: In strike shortened season, he led club with 61 tackles, an interception and a sack. However, Buddy missed the Falcons playoff game with a knee injury, the only time he hasn't suited up in his Falcon career.

1981: He got some headlines with a 35-yard TD interception vs. Minnesota on national TV in 31-30 victory and led club for year with 135 tackles.

1980: The rookie jumped right in as a starter on the best Falcon team (12-4) and responded with a team-high 131 tackles. He scored a TD with a 30-yard fumble return and had three pass interceptions. He didn't miss an all-rookie team as a result of his efforts.

NOTEBOOK: Buddy has the club's second longest consecutive games played streak ever (105) behind Jeff Van Note's incredible mark. He started 79 straight games from '80-'85. He was senior leader of a '79 Carolina linebacking corps that was all drafted by the NFL. In addition to Buddy, the other three LB's were Lawrence Taylor (D1-'81-Giants), Calvin Daniels (D2-'82-Chiefs, now with Redskins), and Darrell Nicholson (D6-'82-Giants). They lined up behind a first round '81 pick, DT Donnell Thompson as the club recorded an 8-3-1 record and Gator Bowl win over Michigan. Buddy was the 5th linebacker taken in the '80 draft (36th player overall) behind Otis Wilson (Bears-19th), George Cumby (Packers-26th), Kirby Criswell (Bengals-31st) and Bob Kohrs (Steelers-35th).

COLLEGE: He set a Tar Heel record with 12 career interceptions along with being a Sports Illustrated Player of the Week for a 12-tackle, two interception game vs. Pitt. Buddy was also the MVP of the '77 Liberty Bowl. He was good friends with basketball star, Mike O'Koren. A real student-athlete, Buddy earned his college degree in Business Administration.

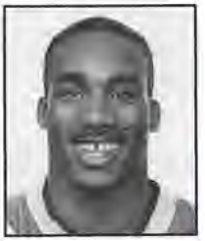
PERSONAL: George J. (Buddy) Curry was born in Greenville, N.C., but grew up in Danville, Va. and starred at George Washington High in that city. His dad was his biggest booster as he coached him for five seasons of pee-wee football and kept him abreast of Vince Lombardi quotes and sayings. And, Buddy's dad, Jessel (Pop) Curry knew of what he spoke as a four-sport letterman at Portsmouth (Va.) High and then a member of the '57 Kentucky basketball national championship team featuring Cliff Hagan and Jack Ramsey. Buddy, a bachelor, has also been a consistent community service participant, donating hour after hour of time to local charities, and is the club's NFL Man of the Year nominee. He currently resides in Norcross.

CAREER STATISTICS

			Tackles		Interceptions				Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst.	No.	Yds.	LG	TD	Rec.	Sacks
1980	Atl.	131	74	57	3	13	9	0	1	1.5
1981	Atl.	135	107	28	1	35	35t	1	0	0
1982	Atl.	61	38	23	1	0	0	0	0	1.0
1983	Atl.	229	127	102	0	0	0	0	1	4.0
1984	Atl.	140	58	82	0	0	0	0	1	0.0
1985	Atl.	137	82	55	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
1986	Atl.	157	84	73	1	32	32	0	1	0.0
TOTALS		990	570	420	7	80	35t	1	4	6.5

CURRY'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	SACKS	FR
22 S.F. (11/20/83) 20 NO (10/9/83) 15 NO (12/14/86) 15 Hous. (9/24/84)	1 (6 times)	1 (four times) 30t Det. (10/5/80)
INT.	**LG**	**TD**
1 (7 times)	35 Minn. (11/23/81) 32 at NO (9/7/86)	1 Minn. (11/23/81)



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STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
2nd YEAR
HT: 5-9 WT: 170
BORN: 4/9/64

FLOYD DIXON
WIDE RECEIVER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 16/12

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1986, Round 6a (154th overall)

LAST YEAR: FACT: Floyd was the leading rookie wide receiver in the National Football Conference in 1986.

We'll start with that basic fact of his 42 catches for 617 yards and take you from there to explain his impact on the Falcons. As an inconspicuous 6th round pick, Floyd showed in preseason (10 catches–130 yards) and practice that he was not going to be ignored. His pure sprinter's speed and his willingness to go over the middle to catch a pass gave him a combination to succeed. But, in Week 3 he got the whole town of Atlanta to notice him with one remarkable 65-yard catch versus the Dallas Cowboys to set up the winning field goal and give the club a third straight win. The next week he got his first NFL touchdown at Tampa Bay as Floyd became a starter. Then, in Week 5 vs. the Eagles, he was turned loose for eight catches and 146 yards. His other top games included 6 catches (77 yards) vs the Jets, five catches vs the Saints, and four-catch games vs both the Colts and Lions. Floyd was also a top contributor to the special teams as he led the team with 26 punt returns for 151 yards (5.8 average) and rushed 11 times for 67 more yards. Sure, he has to make a lot of adjustments to the pros and he's made a few mistakes, but just look at his final statistics and re-read the first fact and you can understand why Falcon coaches (and quarterbacks) are glad he's wearing the red and black uniform.

NOTEBOOK: Growing up in the Houston Oilers TV market area, Floyd cheered for his hero Billy "White Shoes" Johnson week-in, week-out, so being in the same locker room and meeting room was a big treat in itself. (We haven't proven yet if he asked for an autograph for himself.) Floyd also got his motivation that little guys could make it in the NFL watching Mark Duper and Mark Clayton of Miami. His 4.4 speed, his 33½ standing vertical jump, and his 300-plus bench press combine to make him a better ball player.

COLLEGE: Floyd weighed an opportunity to attend a specialized academic program at a major college with the chance to play football along with the desire to stay close to home. He had offers to go to engineering college at Rice, or try chemical engineering with a track scholarship to Georgia Tech, or engineering at Texas Tech, but instead opted for a football program at nearby Stephen F. Austin that featured a passing game and was close enough for mom to watch his games. Thus, he chose a Business major/computer science minor and still studied (3.7 average one semester until he "dropped" down to a 2.9 average as a senior because of his football time) and rang up big numbers on the football field. Floyd caught 146 passes for 2,661 yards, 28 TDs with an 18-yard average per catch. In the spring, he was setting records with the school's 100-meter relay team and running 10.3 100s and 21.8 200s for the Lumberjacks. Durable Floyd started all 44 games at SFA along with fellow WR James Noble (FA Redskins, now Colts).

PERSONAL: He says he was "fat and slow" as a kid because all he did was "eat and study." In Beaumont, Texas (about an hour south of Houston), Floyd graduated from Hebert High as an honor roll student and football and track star. A bachelor, Floyd resides in Duluth, GA.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving					Rushing		
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	LG
1986	Atl.	42	617	14.7	65	2	11	67	23

DIXON'S PERSONAL BEST

RECEIVING			
No.	Yds.	LG	TD
8 Phil. (10/5/86) 6 Jets (11/9/86) 5 NO (12/14/86)	146 Phil. (10/5/86) 89 at Dallas (10/27/86) 77 Jets (11/9/86)	65 at Dallas (10/27/86) 61 Phil. (10/5/86)	1 at T. Bay (9/28/86) at Det. (12/21/86)
PUNT RETURNS			
6 Cards (9/14/86)	49 Cards (9/14/86)	16 at NO (9/7/86)	None

FLOYD DIXON

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WYOMING
3rd YEAR
HT: 6-0 WT: 190
BORN: 5/17/62

RICK DONNELLY
PUNTER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 27/0—1985 (11/0), 1986 (16/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, August 23, 1985

LAST YEAR: What goes up from Rick Donnelly's foot doesn't always come down too soon. The strong-legged punter averaged 43.9 yards per punt (2nd in the NFC and 2nd best in Falcon club history). He boomed a 71-yarder vs. the Jets (third longest in club history) with a 68-yarder (Eagles) and 65-yarder (Bears) added for proof there's no luck or magic involved. His job vs. the Cowboys was made easy as he only had to punt one time (55 yards), a low that dated back to 1971 when a Falcon punter only had to do his duty that few times.

PRO CAREER: Rick is the Falcons all-time career leader now (43.8) and has ranked first in 1985 and second in 1986 in the NFC. But, he proved (as most kickers do) that if at first you don't succeed, try again. Rick was signed as a free agent by the New England Patriots on May 8, 1985, but was cut in training camp on August 19. Four days later he was under contract with the Falcons.

1985: While things turned out great statistically (43.6 NFC-leading average), everything wasn't perfect. For in Week 11, Rick tore a knee ligament and was out for the year and faced with a rehabilitation. Before then, he had set a club record with a single game best of 52.1 yards on seven kicks vs. the Eagles. He had a long of 68 vs. Washington, with a 62-yarder vs. the Eagles.

NOTEBOOK: Rick has averaged 40 yards or better in 24 of the 27 games he has kicked, with punts inside the 20-yard line in 20 of those 27 contests. He's placed 37 of his career 137 punts inside the opponents 20-yard line. His two seasons both rank in the top four in Falcon career history.

COLLEGE: Rick ranked third in the country as a senior with a 47.3 average in 1984, having watched teammate Jack Weil lead the country in 1983 with a 45.8 average. Rick also did some placekicking for Wyoming with a long field goal of 55 yards. He booted 66-69 PAT's and 10 of 19 field goals. He overcame back surgery in 1982 to return to his football career.

PERSONAL: The son of Joseph and Christine Donnelly decided he "wanted to see the West" and took off for Wyoming, bypassing college offers from Penn State and Syracuse. Born in Long Island, NY, Rick graduated from Miller Place High School, playing QB, punter, and placekicker. He majored in Administration of Justice. Rick and his wife, Jackie, live in Lawrenceville, GA.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	No	Yds.	Avg.	Long	In20	TB	Blk.	Net
1985	Atl.	59	2574	43.6	68	18	5	0	37.5
1986	Atl.	78	3421	43.9	71	19	9	1	35.0
TOTALS		137	5995	43.7	71	37	14	1	36.3

DONNELLY'S PERSONAL BESTS		
No.	**Yds.**	**LG**
9 at S.F. (11/23/86) 7 at Phil. (11/10/85) 7 Chic. (11/16/86)	399 at S.F. (11/23/86) 365 at Phil. (11/10/85) 337 Chic. (11/16/86)	71 Jets (11/9/86) 68 Wash. (11/3/85) 68 Phil. (10/5/86)
Avg.	**Net**	**Blk.**
52.1 at Phil (11/10/85) 49.8 Rams (10/12/86) 48.6 at Det. (12/21/86)	47.8 Rams (10/12/86) 47.7 at Phil. (11/10/85)	1 Colts (12/7/86)

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FLORIDA STATE
2nd YEAR
HT: 6-1 WT: 278
BORN: 6/14/64

JAMIE DUKES
CENTER/GUARD

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 14/4

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, May 2, 1986

PRO CAREER: Jamie will, indeed, be the "center" of attention in training camp as the new coaches experiment with him at the center position, a switch from his guard position of last year. Coach Hanifan feels Jamie can be a natural with his physical stature and techniques. He'll battle veteran Wayne Radloff for that spot, while coaches know of his abilities at guard from his four previous starts.

LAST YEAR: Ignored in the draft, Jamie chose the Falcons to sign with and maybe fate played a role from there. Injuries to Fralic and then Jeff Kiewel provided Jamie the opportunity in training camp to make the roster, and then as the season wore on more injuries enabled Jamie to jump into the starting lineup in Weeks 13-15 at right guard and Week 16 at left guard.

NOTEBOOK: His college coach, Bobby Bowden, had this to say of his star protégé: "... A lot of names are thrown around for all-America honors but I feel the same about Jamie the way the folks last year at Pitt felt about (Bill) Fralic..." Now, they're side-by-side on the same line with the Falcons. He measures 84 inches from finger tip to finger tip, giving him reach above average for his height.

COLLEGE: He started 48 games, more than any other player in FSU history, earning first team all-America honors (Walter Camp, Football Writers, and Football News). He walked onto campus as a 290-pounder and helped the Seminoles set school rushing records, starting as a freshman all-American (Sporting News). He credits his improvements going against teammate Alphonso Carreker (Packers). He was a main cog in the Seminoles going to four straight Bowl games. A separated shoulder once caused him to miss the second half of a game, but he was back the next week.

PERSONAL: Jamie Donnell Dukes was born in Schenectady, N.Y. as the middle of three children and moved to Orlando at age 12 (who knows how many trips to Disney World he's made?). He loved basketball as a youngster, claiming Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and the Lakers as his favorites. His favorite football hero was Miami Dolphin guard Larry Little: "I tried to model him because he was about my size." Jamie starred at Orlando's Maynard Evans High and was the Orange County Player of the Year as a senior. He and his wife, Lynne, currently reside in Duluth, GA.

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PITT
3rd YEAR
HT: 6-5 WT: 280
BORN: 10/31/62

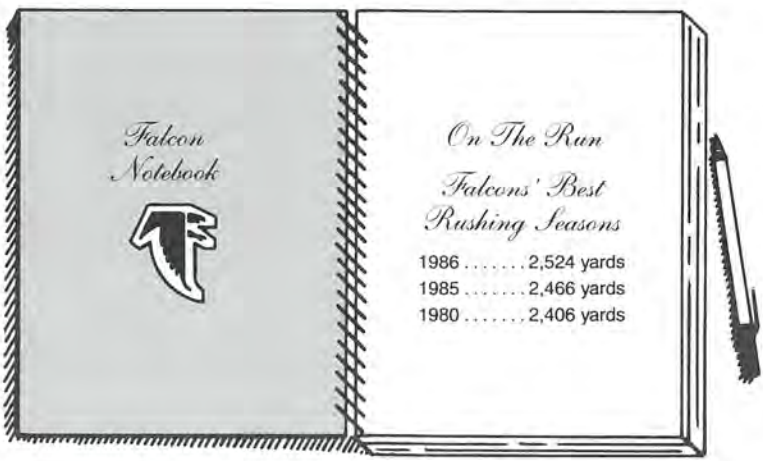
BILL FRALIC
GUARD

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 31/30—1985 (15/14), 1986 (16/16)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1985, Round 1 (2nd overall)
Falcons traded their first choice (4th overall) and third round choice to Minnesota for this pick

LAST SEASON: As Falcon coaches went to the movies (video) to review this offensive lineman's play, they developed their own grading system: "G" for great block, "PG" for put opponent on the Ground, "R" for remarkable play, "X" for ex-tra effort or excellent block, and maybe even an "O" for "Oh, my" or "ooh and aah." Just from watching Bill during the game, you can see he's doing his job, but when you isolate it and take it apart on video you can really appreciate how he's improved and why he was a unanimous post-season honor recipient. His power blocking up front helped the Falcons set a new club record for season rushing yards (2,524), breaking the mark set in Bill's rookie '85 season. Bill started the season at his most familiar right guard position (Week 1-12), but moved over to right tackle for three weeks with an injury to Miller, then returned to guard for the finale. Bill proved to himself and the NFL he's among the best playing right now, only time and Bill will determine if he'll be remembered as one of the best ever.

PRO CAREER: Taken as the second player overall in the '85 draft, Bill immediately took over the starting right guard spot, learning a new position and being slowed only by a pinched nerve in the neck. He played in 986 offensive plays, nearly 150 more



than the next Falcon lineman, and missed only the Week 3 game with the injury. He was assessed just two penalties (one holding, one motion) and graded with just five "mental errors" by the coaches in those nearly 1,000 plays. He actually reported to the Falcons as a tackle (his college spot), but was moved over to right guard when R.C. Thielemann was traded. He was able to move to right tackle for Weeks 12 & 13 to fill in for injured player. As expected, he was a consensus all-Rookie selection.

HONORS: 1986: NFL Pro Bowl starter
All-NFL- Sporting News
All-NFL- NEA
All-NFL- Pro Football Weekly
All-NFL (second team) AP
All-NFL (second team) UPI
1985: NFL Rookie of the Year (Sports Illustrated)
All-NFL Rookie - Pro Football Writers Assn.
UPI
Football Digest
All-John Madden Team- CBS-TV

NOTEBOOK: Bill Fralic, Sr., was a Marine (serving in Korea) and a steelworker. At 6-3, 250 pounds he is big and he is tough (a sign in his yard read "forget the dog, beware the owner"). So you know he and Mom Fralic reared three tough sons. Joe played OT at Marshall, Mike played OT at South Carolina, and Bill, Jr. chose nearby Pitt to play OT. Bill was the youngest of the three (by three years and six years) and says he had no choice but to be a fighter with bigger brothers around. Although a "normal" baby at 7 lbs. 3 oz., he grew quickly. By age 11, he was playing for the Morningside Bulldogs as a 5-10, 180-pounder, the only time he played on a team with his brother (most of the guys were 13-15). In the summers, he was a star Little League pitcher for the Padres of Penn Hills. With the huge pitcher striking out most of the batters (some kids cried and refused to even go to bat against the bigger Bill), they rolled to a 25-0 season. The 13-year old Bill had grown to 6-3, 235 and as an eighth grader was invited to practice with the high school team. Penn Hills High won four straight championships with Bill and good friend Tom Flynn (the QB who went on to Pitt as a DB). A dominating heavy-weight wrestler, Bill suffered a separated shoulder and finished third in the State, one of the few "setbacks" in his sports career.

COLLEGE: Bill became only the second freshman to start his first game at Pitt (Tony Dorsett) and joined Dorsett, Hugh Green and Dan Marino as the only ones to have their jersey retired. Bill's #79 was also retired by his high school. And, Pitt even retired Fralic, Dorsett and Green's lockers from future use. As a three-time All-American, Bill finished eighth in Heisman Trophy balloting as a junior and sixth as a senior. His college coaches developed the "Pancake" grading system for Bill because he averaged "flattening 3-4 opponents per game." He roomed with Bears star lineman Jimbo Covert.

PERSONAL: William P. Fralic Jr. was born in Pittsburgh, graduated from surburban Penn Hills and went on to the University of Pittsburgh (although he once said he grew up a Penn State fan). He maintained a 2.6 grade average and has an above average IQ. He has been outspoken on the drug issue and strongly notes "I want drugs and steroids out of the League." An avid weight lifter, Bill also enjoys golf (shooting in the 70s on occasion). Still a bachelor, Bill resides in Woodstock, GA.

"Football is intimidate the other guy that you are playing against. Let's face it, you're out there to force your will on the other person, and if you can make him do what you want him to do without him wanting to do it, you know it's kind of exciting. That's the part of football I take pride in, being able to make the other guy do what I want him to."—*Bill Fralic*

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NOTRE DAME
3rd YEAR
HT: 6-5 WT: 275
BORN: 10/19/63

MIKE GANN
DEFENSIVE END

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 32/32—1985 (16/16), 1986 (16/16)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1985, 2nd round (45th overall)
Falcons swapped their 2nd pick and a 5th round choice to St. Louis to move up to take Gann

LAST SEASON: This *end* is really just beginning. It was a new *end* position (he moved from right to left in the 3-4 defense) for Mike but his production began to rise. Simply said, he's beginning to develop into a solid NFL defensive end. He battled Mike Pitts for the starting role in camp and ended up starting all 16 contests. Mike led the team with three fumble recoveries, he led the team with 43 quarterback "hurries", he was tied for second in sacks (5.5), was fifth in tackles with 99 total, and he tied among lineman for passes defensed with three. His name made the boxscores when he scored a safety vs. St. Louis by sacking the QB in the end zone. Squeezed in among his efforts were a two-sack game (Week 12-49ers), and 11-tackle game (Week 5 vs. Eagles), a three-holding game by the offensive line trying to stop him (Week 1-Saints) and a 12-yard fumble return (Week 16-Lions).

PRO CAREER: Mike quietly came in to camp and earned a starting role. As one writer labeled him: "...he goes from Mr. Clean to Mr. Mean when he steps on the field..." He made 60 tackles as a rookie, including five QB sacks. Against Saints, Mike had a 42-yard TD run with a lateral from Rick Bryan in 31-24 win and against Vikings, Mike recovered a fumble with 1:09 remaining to save 14-13 victory. He underwent shoulder surgery on Jan. 8 after his rookie year, but came back stronger. Mike had been a first round pick (12th overall) of the Tampa Bay Bandits of the USFL.

NOTEBOOK: Mike has upped his NFL streaks to 32 games played in and 32 games started. In that span, he's recorded 10.5 QB sacks and scored both a touchdown and a safety. In high school (Lakewood, Colorado), Mike played on both the offensive and defensive lines for the '79 State champs. He was also a catcher for the baseball team. He lists Roger Staubach as his childhood sports hero.

COLLEGE: Mike ended up choosing Notre Dame, despite growing up rooting for Oklahoma and Colorado. He had even signed a Big Eight letter of intent to Oklahoma before visiting the South Bend, Ind. campus and changing his mind. He started three seasons for Notre Dame with 21 QB sacks and 34 tackles for losses in his career. He was selected for both the Hula Bowl and Japan Bowl. A business administration (marketing) major, Mike received his degree and is working towards a masters.

PERSONAL: Mike Alan Gann was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, but later moved to Lakewood, Colorado. His brother, Mark, had played at Oklahoma. Mike and his wife, Judith, live in Woodstock, GA.

CAREER STATISTICS

			Tackles			Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Assist	Sacks	FF	FR
1985	Atl.	69	40	29	5	0	1
1986	Atl.	99	53	46	5.5	0	3
TOTALS		168	93	75	10.5	0	4

GANN'S PERSONAL BESTS		
TACKLES	SACKS	FR
11 Phil. (10/5/86) 10 Jets (11/9/86) 9 at S.F. (11/23/86) 9 at N.E. (11/2/86) 9 S.F. (10/19/86)	2 at S.F. (11/23/86) 1.5 Cards (9/14/86)	1 at Det. (12/21/86) at Rams (10/26/86) Rams (10/12/85) Minn. (12/15/86)

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SYRACUSE
2nd YEAR
HT: 6-2 WT: 245
BORN: 12/16/63

TIM GREEN
LINEBACKER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 11/1

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1986, Round 1b (17th overall)

LAST SEASON: Color-wise, it turned out a *blue* summer as the *red* cross flag went up for the *green* rookie from the *orange*men of Syracuse. Translated, Syracuse's Tim Green had a long summer with contract negotiations holding him out the first five weeks of training camp, and then two weeks later a ruptured calf muscle put him on crutches and the Injured Reserve List. The rookie, however, battled back and was activated on October 10 for the final 11 weeks. He finally got his chance in Week 16 vs. Detroit and responded with a team-high 12 tackles. "The other" number one pick finished with 14 tackles and four QB hurries, plus six tackles on the special teams. Tim was worked as an inside linebacker and even some down lineman last year, but he was switched to an outside spot in the '87 spring camp and will compete for a starting spot there.

NOTEBOOK: Tim has been taking karate classes in the offseason (orange belt) at Syracuse to help his flexibility and body control. A voracious reader, Tim was working on 19th century British novels in May. He notes his parents "still go to the library once a week and bring home a grocery bag full of books to read," so reading is still one of his favorite hobbies and pastimes. He likes to collect and read "Classics" and has mentioned that Hemingway was a favorite because "he's contemporary and a sportsman". In addition to high school football, Tim was a dedicated wrestler and became New York State heavyweight division champ as a senior. Tim was also courted by the New Jersey Generals of the USFL.

COLLEGE: The athlete: Tim was an All-American who had 28.5 sacks during his final two years and 43 over his career at Syracuse. With 13 double figure tackle games, he made some 341 tackles. He was one of only three juniors nominated for the Lombardi Trophy. Originally a nose tackle, he moved outside where he could use his speed to get to the quarterback. He also scored a college TD with a blocked punt at Navy and was a SI Player of the Week when Syracuse upset then number one ranked Nebraska.

The student: With a 3.83 overall average, Tim and Kiren Dosanjh were senior marshals (valedictorians) of the 3,000 student graduating class. He was a Rhodes Scholar nominee in 1985 and 1986, a Rossman Scholarship winner in 1985 and a Garfinkle Scholarship winner in 1984. Tim majored in English Literature after switching from pre-med.

PERSONAL: Timothy John was the middle child of Richard, a computer systems analyst, and Judy, an elementary school teacher. Dad, a three sports star in high school, was a "typical Sunday afternoon NFL sports fan." Tim also enjoys the outdoors with hunting, windsurfing and skiing ranking high on his list. A bachelor, Tim lives in Duluth, GA.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst.	Special Teams
1986	Atl.	14	7	7	6

TACKLES	SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES
12 at Det. (12/21/86)	6 (total)

6

MICHIGAN
5th YEAR
HT: 6-0 WT: 172
BORN: 1/11/61

ALI HAJI-SHEIKH
KICKER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 40/0—1983 (16/0), 1984 (16/0), 1985 (2/0), 1986 (6/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent on Nov. 11, 1986

LAST SEASON: Ali was cut by the Giants on Sept. 16, one week into the season. He had a tryout with the 49ers on Oct. 28, then one with the Falcons on Nov. 3. When Luckhurst couldn't continue, Haji-Sheikh was signed. In his six games, he made 9-12 field goals and 7-8 PAT's. He had a three-field goal game vs the Colts with his long of 47 coming against Miami.

PRO CAREER: He's been on the roller coaster that most kickers seem to take. There's been the NFL-record 35 field goals in a season and a .515 follow-up season. Haji-Sheikh has boomed three 50-plus field goals (56, 56, and 52). He holds NY Giant records for points, season (127), field goals made/att, 35/42, field goal conversion percentage (.833) and longest FG (56, twice).

1985: He suffered a hamstring injury in preseason and came back to make 5-5 PAT's and 2-5 field goals (long 52) before hurting the hamstring again and sitting out the final 14 games on IR.

1984: "The sophomore slump" hit Ali as he was just 17-33 on field goals and 32-35 on PAT's. He was 4-5 in the playoffs.

1983: As a 9th round draft choice, he took Joe Danelo's job away and took off on a record tear that ended with 35 field goals for a new NFL record. He missed his first attempt in the opener, then made 21 of his next 22, missing only a 66-yard attempt in the final seconds of a tie game with the Cardinals.

HONORS: NFL Pro Bowl
All-NFL—AP, UPI, PFWA, NEA, Sporting News
All-NFL Rookie

COLLEGE: He figured he'd give it a shot as a walk-on kicker. As a freshman, he made the team but was limited to kickoffs. For the final three years he went on to set Michigan school records with 31-44 field goals and 115-118 PAT's. Over the final two seasons, his 74 consecutive PAT's also set a school mark.

PERSONAL: Dr. Ali Haji-Sheikh was working on his Masters degree at the University of Michigan Medical Center in 1961 when young Ali was born there. Dad, who also has a doctorate degree from the University of Minnesota, took a professorship at Texas-Arlington, where Ali grew up and became the star kicker at Arlington High School. His childhood hero was kicker Jan Stenerud. His hobbies include audio equipment and automobiles, while he sells Volkswagens during the offseason. He and his wife, Michele, reside in Paramus, NJ.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	FG	FGA	Pct.	Long	PAT	Att.	Pct.	Points
1983	Giants	35*	42	.833	56	22	23	.957	127
1984	Giants	17	33	.515	48	32	35	.914	83
1985	Giants	2	5	.400	52	5	5	1.000	11
1986	Atlanta	9	12	.750	47	7	8	.875	34
TOTALS		63	92	.685	56	66	71	.930	255

HAJI-SHEIKH'S PERSONAL BESTS

SCORING			
GIANTS			
FGM	**LG**	**PAT**	**PTS**
5 at Wash. (12/11/83) 4 at Dallas (11/4/84) 4 Sea. (12/11/83)	56 G. Bay (9/26/83) 56 at Det. (11/7/83)	4 (5 times)	16 at Wash. (12/11/83)
FALCONS			
3 Colts (12/7/86)	45 Colts (12/7/86)	2 (3 times)	11 Colts (12/7/86)

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VANDERBILT
10th YEAR
HT: 6-8 WT: 280
BORN: 7/31/56

DENNIS HARRISON
DEFENSIVE END

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 125/73—1978 (16/6), 1979 (12/1), 1980 (15/13), 1981 (13/12), 1982 (9/9), 1983 (16/16), 1984 (16/16), 1985 (12/0), 1986 (SF 4/0-Atl. 11/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, October 8, 1986

LAST SEASON: It was deja-vu for Dennis as he was reunited with Coach Campbell after quick stops with the Rams and 49ers in between. When the 49ers released him, the Falcons signed him and he played the final 11 games. His '86 Falcon totals included 15 tackles, 13 hurries, a sack, a fumble recovery, three passes defensed and a blocked kick.

PRO CAREER: "Big Foot" has participated in a Pro Bowl ('82), a Super Bowl (XV), and two NFC Championship games since coming into the NFL back a decade ago as a fourth round choice of the Eagles. He's made 61.5 QB sacks, even tieing for the NFL lead one season ('82). After seven seasons with the Eagles, he was traded on Sept. 28, 1985 for a 4th and 7th round pick to the Los Angeles Rams. After a season, they released him in June and he chose to sign on with the 49ers. After four games, they released him and he was headed for Atlanta. He's now participated in 125 games for these four NFL teams. His top sack year was 1984 when he had a dozen to help the Eagles to a club-record 60 sacks. He had 34 in 41 games over the '82-'84 seasons.

NOTEBOOK: Dennis serves on the advisory board of "Dream Makers", a Nashville group that tries to fulfill the special dreams of terminally ill children. He also runs a June youth football camp in Nashville every year. Dennis has had two games in his career where he had sacks on back-to-back plays (Bears and Giants in '83).

COLLEGE: A four-year letter winner at Vanderbilt, he also won academic all-Southeastern honors as a junior and senior. In his freshman year, he was the most valuable player in his team's Peach Bowl game vs. Texas Tech. Dennis received his bachelor of science degree in education from Vanderbilt's Peabody College.

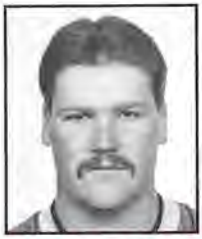
PERSONAL: Dennis was born in Cleveland, Ohio, but moved south to graduate from Riverdale High in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. In addition to excelling in football, he became the Tennessee High School state heavyweight division wrestling champion. He got the nickname he bears as a result of the size 15 shoes. He and his wife, Ida, have five children, Idette, 10, Dennis, Jr., 8, Danielle, 7, David, 5 and Diane, 3. The family resides in Nashville, Tenn.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	Tackles	Sacks	Interceptions	Fumbles
1978	Phil.	70	6.5	1-12	0
1979	Phil.	32	4	0	0
1980	Phil.	80	9	0	0
1981	Phil.	49	4	0	3
1982	Phil.	66	10.5	0	1
1983	Phil.	102	11.5	0	1
1984	Phil.	93	12	0	1
1985	Rams	12	3	0	1
1986	SF/Atl.	18	1	0	1
TOTALS		522	61.5	1-12	8

HARRISON'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	SACKS	FR
	EAGLES	
11 (four times)	3 Bears (11/13/83) 2 Giants (11/20/83)	8 (total)
	FALCONS	
8 Chi. (11/16/86)	1 at Det. (12/21/86)	1 at Det. (12/21/86)



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SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
3rd YEAR
HT: 6-7 WT: 298
BORN: 10/18/61

GLEN HOWE
TACKLE

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 12/4—1985 (5/1), 1986 (7/3)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, November 19, 1985

LAST SEASON: With hard work in camp, Glen earned his roster spot, but a broken thumb slowed his progress early in the year. But when Brett Miller was injured, Glen was ready to step in as a starter at right tackle in Week 9 at New England. He also started Week 10 vs the Jets and Week 16 vs Detroit, plus the second half of Week 15 vs New Orleans. All told, Glen saw action on the front line in seven games.

PRO CAREER: A determined Glen just wouldn't quit. After being drafted by the Falcons in the 9th round in 1984, he was unsuccessful in his bid to make the 45-man squad. However, he went back to the weight room and gave it a shot next year as a free agent with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He did make that '85 squad and was with them for four weeks into the season. After they released him in October, the Falcons needed line help and put out the call for Glen to return in November.

NOTEBOOK: Nicknamed "Big Dog," Glen is right at home with the Falcons offense that set a rushing mark and ranked third in the NFL. For in college, he was a member of "The Labor Gang" offensive line that averaged 284 yards rushing per game to rank 5th in the NCAA. He was also picked by New Orleans in the USFL draft.

COLLEGE: A four-year letterman at Southern Mississippi, Glen was a three-year starter. He was selected for the Senior Bowl and the Blue-Gray games, as well as all-South Independent and honorable mention All-American as a junior and senior. He majored in Athletic Administration.

PERSONAL: Bobby Glen Howe was born in New Albany, Mississippi, where he began his athletic career at W.P. Daniel High School. He's an avid weight lifter who can still run a 4.9 40 despite his huge size. Glen and his wife, Terri, reside in Duluth.

Falcon Notebook

Opening Day Notes

The Falcons own a 13-8 Won-Lost Record in their 21 season openers.

They are 5-4 at home and 8-4 on the road to kick off a season.

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WIDENER
13th YEAR
HT: 5-9 WT: 172
BORN: 1/27/52

BILLY JOHNSON
WIDE RECEIVER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 130/62—1974 (14/8), 1975 (14/14), 1976 (14/14), 1977 (14/14), 1978 (5/0), 1979 (2/0), 1980 (16/4), 1982 (9/0), 1983 (16/0), 1984 (6/0), 1985 (16/8), 1986 (4/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, July 20, 1982

LAST SEASON: About the only thing said for Billy's 1986 season is that it leaves him eligible again for the NFL Comeback Player of the Year Award (which he won once already). Billy suffered a torn plantar facia tendon underneath his right foot in training camp and was placed on injured reserve. He returned in Week 7 (49ers) and gained 90 yards (including an 11-yard punt return to set up game-tieing TD drive). Then in Week 8 (Rams) he added 52 more yards, but reinjured the foot and sat out six more weeks. All told, he netted 169 yards in the four games. (Week 7-8, 15-16).

PRO CAREER: OK, let's play Jeopardy, the game where we give you the facts and you come up with the answer in the form of a question. They'll get tougher as the dollar value increases. The category is "Pro Football"

For $20 —This NFL player's nickname is "White Shoes." He's been wearing them since high school, a la Joe Namath. He's also noted for an end zone touchdown dance he has done since his college days.

For $40 —This NFL player holds the all-time NFL record for most punt return yards and has led the NFL two different seasons and the NFC another time.

For $60 —This NFL player still holds seven club records for the Houston Oilers, four more club records for the Atlanta Falcons, and has had a 1,000-yard receiving season while leading the CFL Montreal Alouettes in punt returns.

For $80 —This NFL player still holds three Pro Bowl records and has been selected for that all-star classic three different times. As the 1975 Most Valuable Player, he touched the ball just seven times and gained 263 total yards.

For $100—This 5-9, 170-pounder who wears glasses has played 13 years of pro ball despite three knee operations and tendon damage to his foot. He's been honored as the NFL Comeback Player of the Year and was still running 4.48 40-yard dashes in the spring 1987 camp.

Now for the correct answers in the form of questions:

$20 —Who is William Arthur "Billy" Johnson?
$40 —Who is William Arthur "Billy" Johnson?
$60 —Who is William Arthur "Billy" Johnson?
$80 —Who is William Arthur "Billy" Johnson?
$100—Who is William Arthur "Billy" Johnson?

It's time now for the Final Jeopardy question where you wager as much of what you have earned as you like. The category for the question is "Pro Football."

This man went to the same school (Widener College) that turned out Hollywood legends Cecil B. DeMille and Humphrey Bogart. While there, this history major broke the football records of Supreme Court Justice Byron "Whizzer" White.

A little music maestro. Time's up. The correct Final Jeopardy answer in the form of a question is:

Who is William Arthur "Billy" Johnson?

Technically, he's already gained a place in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, because his shoes and jersey are there from the game in which he set the NFL record for punt return yardage. But some time in the 1990's, he'll be standing in front of the doorways giving his acceptance speech during his official induction ceremony. For Billy "White Shoes" Johnson is a unique story in the history of NFL football. Read through some of his encyclopedia of highlights:

1974: The 365th player chosen (Round 15), Billy dazzled with 1,664 combined yards (785 kick returns, 409 punt returns, 388 receiving, and 82 rushing). He had stunning averages of 27.1 on kickoffs, 13.6 on punt returns, 16.4 rushing, and 13.4 for receiving.

1975: The record books were being re-edited as "White Shoes" scored four touchdowns via returns (punt returns of 52 vs Detroit, 83 vs Miami, 63 vs Cincinnati and a kickoff return of 81 yards vs Cleveland). An amazing 5th return of 76 yards ended on the one-yard line, denying Billy of sole possession of the record and leaving him tied. He totaled 1,820 yards, leading the NFL with a 15.3 punt return average. He followed that with MVP honors in the Pro Bowl with a 90-yard TD on four punt returns for 159 yards and 263 total yards.

1976: A third straight 1,000-yard total season (1,483 yards) featured 47 pass receptions. Billy and "00" Ken Burrough, a 1,000 yard receiver, left coaches confident so they traded rookie wide receiver Steve Largent to Seattle for an 8th round draft choice.

1977: Durable Billy played all 14 games, upping his NFL streak to 56 straight as he returned to the Pro Bowl with a fourth straight 1,000-yard year (1,683 Yards). That included an NFL leading 15.4 punt return average and two TD's and a 20.6 per catch average of his 20 pass receptions.

1978: Disaster struck for Billy in preseason when he tore ligaments in his left knee (surgery) and also tore his hamstring.

1979: Just as 1978 was frustrating for Billy, 1979 was worse. He suffered damage to his right knee and had surgery. That marked two years of rehab and skeptics were already saying he was too small and too frail and his career was over.

1980: Billy saw action in all 16 games, but did no returning and had 31 receptions for 343 yards.

1981: Billy wanted a chance to play more, so got out of his Oiler contract by going to Canada to play for Montreal. There he had a typical Johnson year with 1,000 yards receiving (65 catches) and a 10.1 punt return average on 59 returns. That was a Montreal team that also featured Vince Ferragamo and WR James Scott.

1982: He signed with the Falcons at the start of training camp and came on to lead the NFC with an 11.4 punt return average (long of 71).

1983: A fifth 1,000-yard season (1,381) helped Billy to a third Pro Bowl appearance. He averaged 10.6 punt returning with a club high 64 catches for 709 yards. All this earned him the NFL Comeback Player of the Year award.

When asked by a child about rejection, Billy replied: "*... many times a person can work extremely hard and still fail. I told him that if you keep trying, keep your head up, then all the hard work will pay off one day. When kids see an athlete make a great play, they don't realize what it took to get to that point. It took hard work. If you want to be a great mathematician and discover an equation to benefit mankind, you've got to prepare yourself first.*"

1984: After six weeks, he injured his left knee again, requiring more surgery. Prior to that, he was averaging 10.1 on punt returns and had 24 catches (15.5 average).

1985: Billy came back strong with a club leading 62 catches for 830 yards (five TDs). He started off the year by becoming the NFL's all-time leading punt returner with 58 yards in Week 1 vs Detroit to pass Rick Upchurch.

NOTEBOOK: With just one more punt return he will erase the tie with Emlen Tunnell at 258 career returns and add that record to his NFL total. Billy has already joined the select 10,000-yard club (10,507) and can move on up that illustrious list. Talented Billy has also played another sport professionally (softball—outfielder) with the Philadelphia Athletics in 1978. Billy's uncle had played 22 years of baseball for Baltimore and Boston in the Negro League. Would you believe Billy's mom never saw him play professionally until the Falcons went to Philadelphia in 1985? That game cost him 55 tickets as he grew up in that area. Unfortunately, Billy ran the ball one time for one yard as the Falcons lost in overtime when Mike Quick caught a 99-yard pass. Billy has played for six pro coaches, the five NFL ones being Sid Gillman, Bum Phillips, Leeman Bennett, Dan Henning and Marion Campbell.

HONORS: Pro Bowl: 1975, 1977, 1983
NFL Comeback Player of the Year, 1983
Ed Block Courage Award
Peach of an Athlete Award

1983:
All-NFL: Pro Football Weekly
The Sporting News
Pro Football Writers Association
Football Digest
Pro Football News Weekly
All-NFL: 2nd Team-Associated Press
Return Specialist of Year: NFL Alumni

1977:
All-NFL: Associated Press
Pro Football Writers Association

COLLEGE: Johnson shattered nine all-time NCAA records at Widener with 3,737 total yards and a TD scored in 25 consecutive games. His career rushing average was 8.8 yards per carry as he led NCAA Division II runners in '72 (1,494) and '73 (1,556). His 45 career TD's figured out to a score every 7.7 times he touched the football with an average distance of 41.7 yards per TD. He even had six 200-yard rushing games. A 9.5 sprinter, he set 12 Conference records. It was versus Drexel on a dare that Billy did his first end zone dance. Billy received his B.A. in history, particularly enjoying the religious wars of the European Renaissance era.

PERSONAL: William Arthur Johnson was born in Bouthwyn, Pa., the third of nine children of Leonard & Katherine. He started excelling in football for the Chichester Crusaders on a 12-0 Pop Warner squad, scoring 25 touchdowns. He played all sports at Chichester High, becoming a State track champ in the 220. He was on high school all-star teams with John Cappeletti and TE Randy Grossman. Billy may be the most civic minded player in NFL history as well, having been named NFL Man of the Year for both the Oilers and Falcons. Scottish Rite Hospital remembers well "The Day Santa Claus wore White Shoes." He is a leader among the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and enjoys the opportunity to relate to children, which means he has been active recently in the anti-drug programs. Billy has worked with hundreds of charity groups, hoping he has contributed something meaningful to help. He and his wife, Barbara, have three children of their own: Marcia, Kendra, and Jared. Marcia is a Gwinnett County Sprint Champion as a freshman at Duluth High, with a proud papa cheering her on.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving					Punt Returns					Kickoff Returns			
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1974	Houston	29	388	13.4	44	2	30	409	13.6	49	0	29	785	27.1	0
1975	Houston	37	393	10.6	30	1	#40	612	15.3	83t	3	33	798	24.2	1
1976	Houston	47	495	10.5	40	4	38	403	10.6	46	0	26	579	22.3	0
1977	Houston	20	412	20.6	71t	3	#35	539	15.4	87t	2	25	630	25.2	1
1978	Houston	1	10	10.0	10	0	8	60	7.5	20	0	4	73	18.3	0
1979	Houston	6	108	18.0	25	1	4	17	4.3	16	0	4	37	9.3	0
1980	Houston	31	343	11.1	53t	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
1981	Montreal	65	1040	16.0	—	—	59	597	10.1	—	0	0	0	0.0	0
1982	Atlanta	2	11	5.5	6	0	*24	273	11.4	71	1	0	0	0.0	0
1983	Atlanta	64	709	11.1	47t	4	46	489	10.6	71t	1	0	0	0.0	0
1984	Atlanta	24	371	15.5	45	3	15	152	10.0	37	0	2	39	19.5	0
1985	Atlanta	62	830	13.4	62t	5	10	82	8.2	18	0	0	0	0.0	0
1986	Atlanta	6	57	9.5	27	0	8	87	10.9	30	0	0	0	0.0	0
NFL TOTALS		329	4127	12.5	71t	25	258	*3123	12.1	87t	7	123	2941	23.9	2
CFL TOTALS		65	1040	16.0			59	599	10.1			0	0	0.0	0
Combined Pro Total		394	5167	13.1			317	3720	11.7			123	2941	23.0	2

JOHNSON'S PERSONAL BESTS

OILERS

PUNT RETURNS	KICKOFF RETURNS	RECEIVING	RUSHING
LG—87t Clev. (10/16/77)	LG—81t at Clev. (10/12/75)	LG—71t at Oak. (11/13/77)	LG—66t Chi. (1/6/77)

FALCONS

PUNT RETURNS			
No.	**Yds.**	**LG**	**TD**
5 Det. (9/8/85) NYG (9/11/83) Phil. (10/2/83)	116 at Jets (10/23/83) 59 Phil. (10/2/83) 58 Det. (9/8/85)	71t at Jets (10/23/83) 71 Rams (11/21/82) 38 Cards (11/28/82)	1 at Jets (10/23/83)

KICKOFF RETURNS			
No.	**Yds.**	**LG**	**TD**
4 at Cinn. (11/25/84)	68 at Cinn. (11/25/84)	27 at T. Bay (12/9/84)	None

RECEIVING			
No.	**Yds.**	**LG**	**TD**
11 NO (10/20/85) 9 NYG (9/11/83) 8 Det. (9/9/84) S.F. (10/6/86)	153 NO (10/20/85) 136 LA R (12/1/85) 116 Det. (9/9/84) 110 Den. (9/22/85)	62t Den. (9/22/85) 47 S.F. (11/20/83) 45 Det. (9/8/85) 44 G. Bay (11/27/83)	2 Den. (9/22/85)

On his relationship with kids: *"If I can help just one kid, then that would be satisfying. I don't want people to be afraid to approach me. I have problems just like everybody else. But a successful person is one who is knocked down and doesn't stay down too long. That's the message I try to get across to kids."*

84

ALABAMA
2nd YEAR
HT: 5-8 WT: 165
BORN: 10/29/62

JOEY JONES
WIDE RECEIVER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 11/2

HOW ACQUIRED: Supplemental Draft, 1984, Round 1 (9th overall)

LAST SEASON: Joey finally got into camp a month late as a result of the USFL trial, but had an impressive two weeks and made the club. He saw action in 11 games, starting two, before a hamstring injury sidelined him on November 28. He finished with seven catches for 141 yards (20.1 avg) with a long catch of 41 yards (vs SF) and a 25-yard reception vs Philadelphia. His best game was against San Francisco (4-86), the game in which he was injured.

PRO CAREER: Joey signed with the Birmingam Stallions of the USFL, with the Falcons claiming his rights in the Supplemental Draft. In two seasons there, Joey had 69 catches for 1,335 yards, a 19.3 average and 13 touchdowns. He averaged 22.5 yards per catch his first year in the League.

NOTEBOOK: One of the fastest Falcons, Joey ran a 4.35 in college and a 4.40 on grass in the spring mini-camp. His childhood sports hero was Paul "Bear" Bryant, who recruited him for Alabama.

COLLEGE: Alabama native Joey was thrilled to play for The Bear where his family and friends could follow his progress. In three seasons, he caught 71 passes for 1,386 yards (19.5 average) and 15 touchdowns. He averaged an amazing 31.1 yards per catch as a sophomore and had a long reception of 81 yards and a long kick-off return of 50 yards. An All-SEC second team pick, Joey was also selected for the Senior Bowl. He played for Coach Bryant and then Coach Ray Perkins with the Crimson Tide.

PERSONAL: Joseph Russell Jones was born in Mobile, Alabama, and lettered in four sports as an all-state performer at Murphy High. Joey enjoys bass fishing and also worked in real estate sales during the offseason. He also is closely involved with King's Ranch, a home for abandoned children. Joey and his wife, Elise, have one child, Joseph, Jr, 2, and reside in Birmingham.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving			
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
1984	B'ham.	26	584	22.5	6
1985	B'ham.	43	751	17.5	7
1986	Atlanta	7	141	20.1	0
USFL TOTAL		69	1335	19.3	13
NFL TOTAL		7	141	20.1	0

JONES' PERSONAL BESTS

NO	YDS	LG	TD
4 at S.F. (11/32/86)	86 at S.F. (11/23/86)	41 at S.F. (11/23/86)	None

78

MICHIGAN
10th YEAR
HT: 6-7 WT: 277
BORN: 2/9/56

MIKE KENN
TACKLE

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 130/130 [4/4]—1978 (16/16) [2/2], 1979 (16/16), 1980 (16/16) [1/1], 1981 (16/16), 1982 (9/9) [1/1], 1983 (16/16), 1984 (14/14), 1985 (11/11), 1986 (16/16)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1978, Round 1 (13th overall)

LAST YEAR: He battled back from the first knee operation of his nine-year career and started all 16 games. As the club's oldest starter now, Mike played an integral part in the offense that set a club rushing record (finishing third in NFL) and that led the NFL in time of possession in 1986. It marked the seventh season that Mike played every possible game.

PRO CAREER: Mike was the 13th player selected overall in the 1978 draft and third offensive tackle (Chris Ward and Gordon King) picked. His jersey number (78) matches the year he came into the NFL. He has lived up to that round one expectation by being chosen by his peers to play in five Pro Bowls already and starting 130 out of a possible 137 (134-141 including playoffs) games in his career. And perhaps his blocking abilities have also had something to do with the fact that William Andrews and Gerald Riggs have been selected for a combined six Pro Bowls as well. Mike appeared in 94 consecutive games from '78-'84 before a torn calf muscle sidelined him for Week 2-3 of that season. Then, in 1985, he sustained knee ligament damage in Week 11 and had to undergo surgery, missing five games, and ending his chance to be selected for a sixth straight Pro Bowl.

HONORS: 1984: NFL Pro Bowl
All-NFC (2nd Team)—UPI

1983: NFL Pro Bowl
All-NFL Pro Football Weekly
All-NFL (2nd Team)—Associated Press
College-Pro Football Weekly
All-NFC Pro Football Weekly
All-NFC (2nd Team)—UPI

1982: NFL Pro Bowl
All-NFL: College-Pro Football Weekly
All-NFL (2nd Team)—AP, NEA
All-NFC UPI

1981: NFL Pro Bowl
All-NFL (2nd Team) AP, NEA
All-NFC UPI

1980: NFL Pro Bowl
All-NFL AP, UPI, NEA, Pro Football Writers Assn.

1978: All-NFL Rookie—Pro Football Writers Assn.

NOTEBOOK: Mike is the only current member of the Falcons who has been on the three playoff teams (1978, '80, and '82). This will be Mike's 10th Falcon season, which would make him only the seventh player to spend a decade in the Falcon uniform. His total of 130 games started is third in club history (three behind Tommy Nobis' total). Mike's 130 total games played in is fifth in club history (also three behind

Nobis). Mike's streak of 94 games played in was the third longest streak in Falcon history. The five consecutive Pro Bowls tied Claude Humphrey's streak and the total is one shy of the club record of six trips. Mike's also been alert to recover 10 fumbles during his career. He is the Falcon player representative for the NFLPA union.

COLLEGE: As a 207-pound freshman, Mike dislocated an elbow and missed most of the year. He returned as a 235-pound sophomore and became a starter two games into the season. He went on to play in two Rose Bowls with the Wolverines and was a second-team all-American. Mike learned from Coach Bo Schembechler that "you either get better or worse, you never stay the same." Mike received his B.A. from Michigan in General Studies.

PERSONAL: Michael Lee Kenn was born in Evanston, Illinois, where he started football as an offensive tackle and defensive end at Evanston High. He grew up watching the Bears because his dad had season tickets. Mike has always been on a "Seefood" diet because if he "sees" it he needs to eat it. His mom used to make him five meals a day to keep his weight up (just 190 pounds then) and those double orders of mashed potatoes were common. He still enjoys eating and cooking because keeping his weight on is still a problem. He now prefers lots of Italian food with its carbohydrates the night before a game and rarely eats anything the morning of the game. Cooking (even gourmet) is now "therapy" for him to take his mind away from football. In high school, Mike also was a center defenseman in lacrosse with interest shown by colleges, but there was "no monetary future" for Mike there. He also had played some hockey in high school and was a goalie. Mike and his wife, Joanie, have a one-year old daughter, Lisa, and reside in Alpharetta, GA.

"When I'm pass blocking, I envision myself as a goalie in hockey. I let the guy attacking make the first move, then I react."—Mike Kenn

63

ARIZONA
2nd YEAR
HT: 6-3 WT: 277
BORN: 9/27/60

JEFF KIEWEL
GUARD

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 15/9—1985 (15/9) 1986 (IR)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, March 16, 1985

LAST SEASON: With hopes of a starting spot, Jeff was fighting through training camp, when a knee injury (right) in a preseason game required major surgery. Jeff then spent the remainder of the year on Injured Reserve and spent most of the offseason in rigorous rehabilitation.

PRO CAREER: A chance, that's really all Jeff has been asking for in his battle for a place in professional football. He got started on Feb. 26, 1983 with the Arizona Wranglers of the USFL under Coach George Allen. He played in 16 games as a rookie, but was placed on the "developmental" squad for the '84 season, watching the team advance to the Championship Game. In the USFL dispersal draft, he was claimed by the Houston Gamblers, but his contract was voided on Feb. 26 and he began talks with the Falcons. As a Falcon first year player, he came to the rescue and played 15 games, starting nine. He saw action at right guard in Weeks 1 and 3, then was called upon to start at left guard from Weeks 9-16. All told, hard-working Jeff was

in on 808 plays in that '85 season. In addition, Jeff was credited with two fumble recoveries.

NOTEBOOK: Jeff has his pilot's license and was spotted flying over the rookies mini-camp tipping the plane wings to those below. Jeff also earned varsity letters in wrestling, baseball, and track and field, as well as football, in high school.

COLLEGE: A three-year starter, he played two years as a guard and the other as a tackle. He was an all-Conference pick as a player and in the classroom as an all-Academic selection. He was his team's 1981 Offensive most valuable player and Golden Eagle award winner for scholastic achievement.

PERSONAL: The son of Clayton and Mary Kiewel, Jeff obtained his degree in Business with a minor in Finance. Dad is general manager for a Building Supply Company and mom is a licensed real estate agent. Jeff was born in Phoenix and attended Sabino High in Tucson, Arizona, where he was all-City as both an offensive and defensive tackle. A bachelor and avid weight lifter, Jeff lives in Norcross, GA.

18

CALIFORNIA
7th YEAR
HT: 6-2 WT: 183
BORN: 3/31/58

MICK LUCKHURST
KICKER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 83/0—1981 (16/0), 1982 (9/0), [1/0], 1983 (16/0), 1984 (16/0), 1985 (16/0), 1986 (10/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, May 5, 1981

LAST YEAR: Mick's "Luck" ran out last year as he battled a herniated disc all season before the pain became too severe in Week 10 at New England and he had to go on injured reserve. Surgery was done in January and Mick has spent the biggest part of his offseason working his way back to total health. Mick can still remember the positive parts of '86, like the game-winning 33-yard field goal in the final minute in the upset at Dallas, or the 34-yard FG to tie the Tampa Bay game as the clock expired, to be followed by a 34-yard FG in overtime to win the game and send the Falcons to 4-0. Mick was also a perfect 4-4 in field goals in Week 6 vs the Rams (49,41,32,23) in the 26-14 win. The 14 points he scored in that game tied his personal best. He was 12-16 in FGs the first six weeks, then missed six of his last seven attempts before the injury stopped him from kicking. He did score 63 points to lead the team in scoring for a sixth consecutive year. Mick dropped below .700 in field goal accuracy for the first time in five years, but his average distance FG made (36.9) led the NFC and his average attempt (39.4) also was first in the NFC.

PRO CAREER: An unheralded free agent, Mick came into camp, took the job away from incumbent Tim Mazzetti and has gone on in the last six years to establish 10 Falcon club records. He carries a career field goal percentage of .702, ranking 5th all-time in NFL history. Mick is the *only* kicker in NFL history to *twice* boot two 50-yard field goals in a game (vs. Rams—10/22/84—52 and 50 and vs. Denver—12/5/82—51 and 51). Mick has scored in 82 of the 84 total games he has played. He's had a dozen games with three or more field goals.

1981: As an All-NFL Rookie (UPI), Mick set club records by hitting 51-51 PAT's and scoring a club record 114 points. Excellent on kickoffs, he had six without a return vs.

Green Bay. His rugby experience also enabled him to have a soft touch for onside kicks like the three in a row the Falcons recovered vs SF after the first two were nullified by penalties. He later had an onside kick recovered vs. the Bengals. He had a pair of three field goal games (Tampa Bay and Los Angeles).

1982: In the nine games, he scored 51 points (10-14 field goals). He was a perfect 3-3 outside 45 yards and had his first pair of 50 yarders in a game. With :58 seconds remaining, he kicked a 29-yarder to beat the Giants.

1983: He enjoyed his most accurate season to date (.772) with 17-22 field goals, including nine over 40 yards. He had his third three field goal game (Detroit). His PAT miss vs San Francisco (9/25) is the last time he has not converted the PAT.

1984: Consistent Mick hit .740 of his field goals (20-27) and a perfect 31-31 PATs. En route to taking over as the club's top scorer, he had a personal best four field goal game (Phil. 12/16) and a fourth three field goal game (Los Angeles 10/7). He booted a game winning 37 yard field goal at Los Angeles, making the first time the Falcons beat the Rams on the road. He had his second two 50-plus yard field goal game, this one vs. Rams.

1985: He broke his own accuracy mark with a .774 field goal season (24-31) as he compiled the NFL's fourth longest consecutive streak (17), missing a 46-yarder at Dallas in Week 8. The 101 points marked his second over 100 of his career. He tied his own club record with a 52-yard FG at Seattle, in which game he also booted four field goals.

THE 17 STRAIGHT

Week	Opp.	FG Made	Week	Opp.	FG Made
16–'84	Phil.	29	4–'85	Rams	47
		27			44
		34	5–	SF	45
1–'85	Detroit	31	6–	Seattle	40
		46			48
2–	SF	29			52
		48			25
		24	7–	N.O.	31
3–	Denver	None	8–	Dallas	38
				Missed	46

NOTEBOOK: Mick enters 1987 with a current streak of 117 straight PAT's made. In 1982 post season play at Minnesota, Mick became the first player since Paul Hornung in 1961 to score both a TD and FG in a game. He took a pitch from Mike Moroski and ran 17 yards for the TD and then boomed a 41-yard FG with 6:30 to play to give the Falcons their final lead in a 30-24 loss. Versatile Mick has also punted (to the nine-yard line on a fake FG in Week 7 vs New Orleans—1985) and drew a roughing the punter penalty in his own end zone in Week 11 vs the Rams. In a surprise move in a preseason game at Denver, he stood alone in the backfield and dropkicked the ball for a PAT try as the Broncos watched to see what was going to happen. Mick is also a Falcon player representative for the Players Union.

COLLEGE: In two years at the University of California, he kicked 24 of 34 field goals (14-17 as a senior) and 48 of 49 PATs. He had a long of 54 yards (Oregon State) with eight FGs over 40 yards as a senior. He had transferred from St. Cloud (Minn.) College. Mick majored in Business. In 1980, Mick was MVP in the National Collegiate Rugby Tournament.

PERSONAL: Born Michael Christopher Robert Luckhurst in Redbourn England, Mick graduated from St. Columbus school in St. Albans, playing soccer and rugby. He wrote a column for "Gridiron UK" and still is a columnist for "First Down", another English publication on American football. "British fans have come a long way from

asking about the 'crash helmets' we wear to the questions about draw plays and screen plays," the native notes. He first followed the Raiders, being in California, and has listed Charlie Joiner and Jan Stenerud as his most admired NFL players. He's done a lot for area charities and other causes throughout the U.S. and overseas. An avid golfer who usually shoots in the 70s, Mick married former LPGA golfer Terri Moody, a U. of Georgia graduate, and even caddied some for her before she retired from the tour. They bought a 19-acre spread near Buford, GA, where they built a "log cabin" and have space to hit golf balls, practice field goals, and have stables. Their first child, Nikki, joined mom and dad in welcoming the newest Luckhurst, born June 17.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	FG	FGA	Pct.	Long	PAT	Pct.	Points
1981	Atl.	21	33	.636	45	51-51	1.000	114
1982	Atl.	10	14	.714	51	21-22	.955	51
1983	Atl.	17	22	.772	49	43-45	.956	94
1984	Atl.	20	27	.740	52	31-31	1.000	91
1985	Atl.	24	31	.774	52	29-29	1.000	101
1986	Atl.	14	24	.583	49	21-21	1.000	63
Totals		106	151	.702	52	196-199	.985	514

FIELD GOAL ACCURACY

Year	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Pct.
1981	1-2	7-7	8-12	5-11	0-1	21-33	.636
1982	0-0	6-6	0-3	2-3	2-2	10-14	.714
1983	0-0	4-5	4-5	9-11	0-1	17-22	.772
1984	0-0	4-4	9-10	4-9	3-4	20-27	.740
1985	0-0	7-9	8-10	8-11	1-1	24-31	.774
1986	1-1	1-2	5-7	7-11	0-3	14-24	.583
Totals	2-3	29-33	34-47	35-56	6-12	106-151	.702

LUCKHURST'S PERSONAL BESTS

FG	LG	PAT	Pts.
4 Rams (10/12/86) Phil. (12/16/84) at Sea. (10/13/85) 3 (9 times)	52 at Sea. (10/13/85) at Rams (10/7/84) 51 (2) at Den. (12/5/82) Det. (9/9/84) 50 at Rams (10/7/84)	6 Hou. (9/23/84) 5 Cards (10/18/81) Rams (10/11/81) 4 (12 times)	14 Rams (10/12/86) at Sea. (10/13/85) 13 at Dallas (9/21/86) 12 (4 times)

MICK'S CLUB RECORDS

Most Points, Career	514	
Most Points, Season	114	(1981)
Most Consecutive Games Scored In	68	(81-85)
Most PATs, Career	196	
Most PATs, Season	51	(1981)
Most Consecutive PATs	117	(current)
Most FGs, Career	106	
Best FG Pct, Career	.702	
Best FG Pct, Season	.774	(1985)
Most 50-Yard FGs (Includes pair of two 50-plus yard games)	6	

LONG, LONGER, LONGEST
Mick's Top Kicks

Length	Opponent	Date
52	at Seattle	10-13-85
*52	at LA Rams	10-7-84
51	Detroit	9-9-84
*51	at Denver	12-5-82
*51	at Denver	12-5-82
*50	at LA Rams	10-7-84
49	at Tampa Bay	12-9-84
49	New Orleans	10-9-83
49	LA Rams	11-21-82
48	at Seattle	10-13-85
48	at New Orleans	9-2-84

*Only player in NFL history to kick two field goals of 50 yards or more in a game, TWICE.

83

DELTA STATE
2nd YEAR
HT: 5-7 WT: 165
BORN: 9/15/62

AUBREY MATTHEWS
WIDE RECEIVER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 4/0

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, August 18, 1986

LAST SEASON: Lightning-quick Aubrey was late in signing with the Falcons as a result of the USFL trial, then just as he was getting started, injured a hamstring and had to go on Injured Reserve. He was activated on Nov. 30 for the Week 12 Miami game and responded in his first NFL action with a 25-yard catch. Another highlight for Aubrey was running for a first down (12 yards) on a fake punt in Week 15 vs the New Orleans Saints. Aubrey's initial month in the NFL also included three kickoff returns for 42 yards (long 20) and three tackles on the special teams coverage units.

PRO CAREER: On January 10, 1984, Aubrey signed on with the Jacksonville Bulls of the USFL. In two USFL campaigns, he caught 52 passes for 677 yards, 6 TDs, and had 48 kickoff returns for 989 additional yards.

NOTEBOOK: Aubrey put himself in contention for the bragging rights of fastest Falcon with a 4.37 clocking on grass in the '87 spring mini-camp. Moss Point High (Miss.) is the same school that produced all the Wonsley brothers that have played in the NFL.

COLLEGE: For his first two years, Aubrey played at Gulf Coast Junior College, then transferred on to Delta State for his last two seasons.

PERSONAL: Born in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Aubrey Derrod Matthews went on to Moss Point High and stayed in state for his college career. Aubrey and his wife, Sonja, reside in Jacksonville.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving				Kickoff Returns		
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.
1984	Jack-USFL	27	406	15.0	1	29	623	21.5
1985	Jack-USFL	25	271	10.8	5	19	366	19.3
1986	Atlanta NFL	1	25	25.0	0	3	42	14.0
USFL TOTALS		52	677	13.0	6	48	989	20.6
NFL TOTALS		1	25	25.0	0	3	42	14.0

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U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY
1st YEAR
HT: 5-9 WT: 210
BORN: 1/7/59

EDDIE MEYERS
RUNNING BACK

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, June 25, 1982

PRO CAREER: He'll no longer be on the practice range, for the ammunition will now be live as Eddie tries for real to earn a spot on the roster. The past five summers, Eddie has used his 30 days annual vacation (leave time) to come to Suwanee to workout with the Falcons. Now, at age 28, and with "fresh legs", Eddie hopes he can begin a professional football career.

MILITARY CAREER: An '82 graduate of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Ensign Meyers worked his way up to Captain Meyers in his five years of active duty. He went to additional schools at Quantico, Va, and Camp Lejeune, NC, before being stationed as a Supply Officer at Camp Pendleton, CA. Meyers served a tour of duty overseas in 1985 at Okinawa, inventorying ships as they docked. While in the military, Eddie also worked towards his Masters Degree in Finance (obtaining it in May, '87) from National University in Vista, CA. After some engineering orientation at the Naval Academy, Eddie chose the Marine Corps for his business background as he hopes to work as a Financial Planner in the distant future.

MILITARY FOOTSTEPS: Eddie will be trying to accomplish a pro football career following in the footsteps of previous military athletes. Phil McConkey (Lt.-USNA '78) earned a Super Bowl ring this January with the Giants. Heisman trophy winner Joe Bellino (USNA '60) gave pro ball a shot, playing three years with the Boston Patriots of the AFL, then Heisman trophy winner Roger Staubach (USNA '64) came back to produce Hall of Fame statistics with the Dallas Cowboys. More recent Army QB, Leeman Hall, was unsuccessful in his attempt with the Cowboys, while '59 all-American Bob Anderson was given a shot with the '63 Giants. The most recent Naval Academy graduate, Napoleon McCallum, was able to play last year with the Raiders under a special ruling from the Secretary of the Navy. Meyers had tried for a similar request several times, but was denied, despite some efforts from his local Senators and Congressmen. Eddie officially ended his military obligation on June 30, 1987.

COLLEGE CAREER: As a freshman, he was relegated to the junior varsity team, and as a sophomore, he was just a special teammer. Then, as a junior, injuries to others gave him a chance, and he proceeded to rewrite the record books. He rushed for 2,935 yards with 1,318 as a senior. He had an amazing 298-yard, four-TD game against Syracuse and a 278-yard effort against arch-rival Army. In his three games here in Atlanta vs. Georgia Tech, he produced 183, 146 and 196 yards, respectively. Navy was 7-4, 8-3, and 7-3-1 in Eddie's three seasons, earning two Bowl bids.

PERSONAL: Edward Alexander was born in Frankfort, Germany, where his father was stationed in the Army in 1959, but grew up in Pemberton, N.J. where he graduated from Pemberton Township with only one scholarship offered (Navy). Eddie has two older brothers, Al, an Army veteran, and Charlie, who played defense for the Navy football team and served six years at sea for the Navy. He has two younger sisters, one a school teacher, the other is currently attending the Naval Academy. An avid weight lifter, a 430 bench presser, Eddie has entered and won several body-building contests, while still being able to clock a 4.6 40-yard dash. He married his high school sweetheart, Janet, and has three daughters, Erica, 4, Elena, 3, and Elise, born in March.

"I don't want to be saying would have, should have, could have. I'm going to know that I gave pro football my very best shot."—Eddie Meyers

CAREER STATISTICS

	Preseason									
	Rushing					Receiving				
Year	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1982	1	2	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
1983	1	15	15.0	15	0	2	15	7.5	8	0
1984	5	30	6.0	13	1	0	0	0	0	0
1985	7	18	2.6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	14	65	4.6	15	1	2	15	7.5	8	0

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AUBURN
2nd YEAR
HT: 6-2 WT: 252
BORN: 7/17/65

RON MIDDLETON
TIGHT END

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 16/3

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, May 30, 1986

LAST SEASON: A real free agent "find", Ron played all 16 games as a rookie with three starts at three different spots. He caught the coaches eyes with his blocking and then a 17-yard TD catch vs the Giants in preseason. He actually started Week 3 at WR for a play at Dallas, then TE for Arthur Cox in Week 4 at Tampa Bay, then at H-Back in Week 14 vs. the Colts. He had two catches in that Colts game and single catches vs. the 49ers, Bears, 49ers again, and Lions for a total of six for 31 yards. His blocking abilities were also quite appreciated as the club set a new single season mark.

NOTEBOOK: Ron got a huge thrill out of spiking the ball after he scored in the preseason vs. the Giants because that was the first time he had scored a TD since his high school days (12 as a senior). He majored in pre-Law at Auburn and hopes some day to go on to Law School.

COLLEGE: Ron was mainly a reserve at Auburn, catching just 10 passes for 133 yards and serving as one of the blockers for Bo Jackson and Brent Fullwood. The Tigers were 37-12 with four Bowl appearances (Tangerine, Sugar, Liberty and Cotton) while Ron was playing under Pat Dye.

PERSONAL: Ronald Allen was born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Allen in Atmore, Alabama. He went on to Escambia County High, earning all-District honors. A bachelor, Ron resides in Tuskeegee, Ala.

CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1986	Atlanta	6	31	5.2	8	0

MIDDLETON'S PERSONAL BESTS			
No.	Yds.	LG	TD
2 Colts (12/7/86)	11 Colts (12/7/86)	8 at Det. (12/21/86)	None

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IOWA
5th YEAR
HT: 6-7 WT: 298
BORN: 10/2/58

BRETT MILLER
TACKLE

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 51/32—1983 (16/0), 1984 (15/13), 1985 (12/12), 1986 (8/7)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1983, Round 5 (57th overall)

LAST YEAR: With a healthy Brett early in '86, the Falcons posted a 5-1 record, then a knee strain sidelined Brett and sidetracked the Falcon offense, too. He missed four weeks, came back for two more, then was placed on Injured Reserve for the rest of the year. Five of the seven 100-yard rushing games the Falcons produced came in those first six weeks of the season with Brett on the front line. College and Pro Football Weekly noted the Falcons had perhaps best right side in the NFL with Fralic and Miller side-by-side.

PRO CAREER: He spent a rookie year playing special teams and learning the techniques from Pro Bowlers like Van Note, Kenn, and Thielemann. Then, in '84's training camp he won a starting job from Warren Bryant, playing 15 games and starting 13 despite a broken wrist. His play in the '85 camp was a leading cause in the move of Fralic to guard. He started 10 games before a severe ankle sprain put him out for four games. He's now a veteran of over 50 NFL games, with over 30 starting assignments.

NOTEBOOK: A punishing run blocker, he may be the strongest Falcon with his bench press of well over 550 pounds. When he came into camp at nearly 300 pounds several years ago, his line coach wanted to see if he could bench press his own body weight. After 30 presses of 300 pounds, the coach realized there was no need to worry about Brett's weight. A devoted weight lifter, Brett also participates every year in the NFL's Arm Wrestling championships in Las Vegas.

COLLEGE: Brett started at Glendale Community College (Cal.) as a defensive lineman. He transferred on to Iowa in 1980, but was redshirted with an injury. He finally moved over to the offensive line, but didn't become a starter until his senior season. He was named to second team all-Big 10 and made his first journey to Atlanta for a Peach Bowl win over Tennessee. He majored in Business at Iowa.

PERSONAL: Born in Lynwood, CA, Brett graduated from Glendale High. Deciding he wanted to get out on his own, he and a buddy took off for Hawaii. He got a job at a pineapple factory, not enjoying the 5:30 am starting time, and then developing a rash from the acid of the pineapples. No $2 an hour job was worth that he decided, so it was time to be a bicycle cabbie. He rented a bike for $30 a week and kept the remainder for profits. Thus, his business career and Hawaii were short-lived and he headed back for the mainland, figuring he'd give college a try. Brett and his wife, Gailyn, reside in Roswell, GA.

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NORTHWESTERN STATE
2nd YEAR
HT: 5-11 WT: 190
BORN: 8/15/64

ROBERT MOORE
SAFETY

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 16/9

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, June 13, 1986

LAST YEAR: This is "Moore" or less a tale of success that Robert had because the "Moore" he played, the better he got. Now, there appear to be no "Moore" doubts that Robert can play in the NFL. He earned his roster spot as a free agent, playing mainly in nickel situations and special teams. Then, in Week 8, Robert got his chance when Kenny Johnson got hurt, and went on to start the final nine games. He compiled 66 tackles, 13 passes defensed, had two forced fumbles, had an interception, had a QB sack, and made four tackles on the special teams. His interception came vs. San Francisco and his forced fumble in Week 6 sealed the win over the Rams. In his inaugural NFL start, he had a 10-tackle performance (Rams).

NOTEBOOK: An honor graduate in Accounting, Robert was a two-time all-Conference Academic honoree. Robert joins a list of former Northwestern State (La) alumnae to play pro ball that includes WR Mark Duper, QB Bobby Hebert, LB Gary Reasons, G Petey Perot, the late former Falcon Al Dodd, former Rookie of the Year RB Joe Delaney, and former RBs Charlie Tolar and Sidney Thornton.

COLLEGE: A four-year letter winner, Robert played 42 games, registering 180 tackles with six interceptions and three fumble recoveries. As a senior, he had 73 tackles and three interceptions to make second team all-Conference for a second year.

PERSONAL: Robert Anthony Moore was born in Shreveport, LA, the second son of his biggest booster (mother Alma). At Captain Shreve High, Robert was an all-State performer on football teams that were 20-3, while lettering in basketball and track as well. His 5% body fat makes him one of the best conditioned members of the Falcons. A bachelor, Robert still resides in Shreveport.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			Interceptions			Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Assist	No.	Yards	LG	FF	FR
1986	Atlanta	66	44	22	1	0	0	2	0

MOORE'S PERSONAL BESTS

Tackles	Int.	Sacks	FF
10 at Rams (10/26/86) 8 Colts (12/7/86)	1 S.F. (10/19/86)	1 Colts (12/7/86)	1 Rams (10/12/86) at Det. (12/21/86)

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ALABAMA
5th YEAR
HT: 6-5 WT: 277
BORN: 9/25/60

MIKE PITTS
DEFENSIVE END

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 62/34—1983 (16/4), 1984 (14/14), 1985 (16/16), 1986 (16/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1983, Round 1 (16th overall)

LAST YEAR: Life in the NFL "Pit(t)s" is certainly no "Pit(t)s" for this "Pitts" because he enjoys the warfare of the front line battles. Mike played all 16 games, despite being the odd man out when the switch was made from the 4-3 to the 3-4. But, Mike was more of a one-man highlight film producer with his big plays. In 10 of the 16 games, he had either a sack or a big play. Perhaps the biggest thrill was scoring a touchdown on a 22-yard fumble return vs Dallas in the Week 3 upset. He reached his 6-5 frame out to block a field goal attempt vs. the Rams in Week 6 to turn the momentum that produced the winning TD drive. And, in Week 13 vs. the Rams he dove on a fumble in the Ram end zone to prevent them from scoring a touchdown. Also among his special efforts was a blocked PAT at New England and a 1.5 sack game vs. the Cardinals in Week 2. Mike tied for second on the team with 5.5 sacks, had 34 tackles, 16 QB hurries, two forced fumbles, two fumbles recovered, and the pair of blocked kicks.

PRO CAREER: A former number one pick who earned all-NFL Rookie honors, Mike has already accumulated 25.5 QB sacks in his four seasons. Zeroing in on the football, Mike's been credited with six forced fumbles and six recovered fumbles. He won the starting job from Jeff Merrow in Week 13 as a rookie, but has also started for the Falcons inside as a defensive tackle.

HONORS: 1983 All-NFL Rookie—UPI
Pro Football Weekly
Pro Football Writers Association

1983: An immediate impact player, Mike had seven QB sacks, including three in one game (Jets). One of the sacks (New England) resulted in a fumble that John Rade returned for a touchdown in a victory. He had a top tackle game of 13 (Washington) and also blocked a field goal.

1984: He had a 5.5 sack season with a top tackle game of 11 vs. the Redskins. A strained knee sidelined him the final two weeks of the season.

1985: Perhaps this was Mike's finest year, and it was as a DT. He made 102 total tackles (third best on team) and had a personal best 7.5 QB sacks. He had a two-sack game in the Detroit opener and an 11-tackle game vs. the Bears.

NOTEBOOK: Mike had a pass interception against the Los Angeles Rams (Week 11), the first by a Falcon defensive lineman since the 1980 season. Mike has a cousin, RB Rick Porter, who played in the USFL with the Baltimore Stars. In 1983, the Birmingham Stallions also chose Mike in the college draft.

COLLEGE: A stand-up defensive end for Bear Bryant at Alabama, Mike had big shoes to follow in all-American (now St. Louis Cardinal Pro Bowler) E.J. Junior. But, he did, as he made 21 QB sacks in his two years as the starter earning all-American honors himself both years. He was credited with 214 tackles (52 of which were for losses, 22 of which were sacks) and even dropping back to intercept a pair of passes.

One of his brightest moments ocurred when he stopped Penn St. RB Curt Warner at the one-yard line on fourth down on national TV in the '82 Sugar Bowl preserving the Crimsom Tide's 14-7 victory and denying the Nittany Lions of a national title. He majored in communications.

PERSONAL: Born in Pell City, Alabama, to Richard and Jane Pitts, the family moved to Baltimore when Mike was six. He went on to play ball at Polytechnic High, where he played both defensive end and split end. That team went on to become state champs, with Mike making 15 tackles in the championship contest. He tried one year of lacrosse, but mom helped decide that those sticks were a little too dangerous. He'd spend the summers at his grandfather's farm in Vincent, Ala, and was real excited when Bryant recruited him for Alabama. He still believes in Bryant's "the sum of the team is more powerful than the individual" and is far from a "showboat" DE when he gets a sack. Michael Anthony and his wife, Gena, currently reside in Duluth, GA.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				Int.		Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	No.	Yds.	FF	FR
1983	Atl.	75	49	26	7	0	0	2	1
1984	Atl.	88	51	37	5.5	0	0	0	2
1985	Atl.	102	61	41	7.5	1	1	2	1
1986	Atl.	34	24	10	5.5	0	0	2	2
Totals		299	185	114	25.5	1	1	6	6

PITT'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	SACKS	BLK.
13 at Wash. (12/4/83) 11 at Chi. (11/24/85) at Wash. (11/5/84)	3 at Jets (10/23/83) 2 Det. (9/8/85)	1 FG (2 times) 1 PAT at NE (11/2/86)
FF	**FR**	**INT.**
1 (6 times)	1 (5 times)	1 Rams (11/17/85)

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SOUTH CAROLINA
5th YEAR
HT: 6-3 WT: 267
BORN: 3/8/61

ANDREW PROVENCE
DEFENSIVE TACKLE

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 64/15—1983 (16/12), 1984 (16/3), 1985 (16/0), 1986 (16/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1983, Round 3 (75th overall)

LAST YEAR: Once again, Andrew played in all 16 games for the Falcons, being credited with 10 total tackles, seven QB hurries, a forced fumble and a tackle on special teams. The forced fumble came against the Eagles in Week 5.

PRO CAREER: Andrew must certainly feel like the Vice-President or the back-up actor for a play or movie. For he certainly has to be knowledgeable and attend all

briefings (a.k.a. team meetings) like a V-P, while he has to learn all the scripts and movements (a.k.a. team practices) that an understudy does for the play. For, rarely do they ever get noticed or praised, yet they are essential and serve crucial needs. Well, Andrew fills that bill with the Falcons. For four years now, he has been an invaluable asset, learning all the line positions, working in the weight room and giving his all on the practice fields. And, when he's been called on, he's more than ready to produce. In 64 games (15 starts), Andrew has registered 131 total tackles, with four QB sacks, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble.

1985: Andrew played all 16 games, with 17 tackles and a QB sack against the Rams.

1984: He got the call for three starts and was credited with QB sacks against the 49ers and Eagles. Andrew had 29 tackles with a fumble recovery.

1983: An All-NFL Rookie, Andrew had 75 tackles and a QB sack in his 12 starts. Against the Saints (11/6) he had 10 tackles and against Miami (12-10), he had a 20-yard fumble recovery and return.

NOTEBOOK: Hard-working Andrew now has a consecutive games played streak of 64 games heading into the '87 campaign, never having missed one in the NFL. He was also given an offer by the Boston Breakers of the USFL. A devoted weight lifter, Andrew got his enthusiasm for the workout room from his older brother, Jerome, a former strength and conditioning coach.

COLLEGE: A busy man at South Carolina, Andrew set school records with 397 total tackles, including 161 in his junior season. He had a top game of 25 tackles against the University of Virginia and 22 against the University of Georgia. Andrew majored in Journalism.

PERSONAL: One of seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Provence, Andrew was born in Savannah, GA, and is pleased that he has been able to play for the NFL team in his home state. He starred at Benedictine Military School in Savannah. Andrew and his wife, Angie, and son, Clark, live in Lawrenceville, GA.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			Sacks	Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst.	No.	FF	FR
1983	Atl.	75	45	30	1	0	1
1984	Atl.	29	16	13	2	0	1
1985	Atl.	17	5	12	1	0	0
1986	Atl.	10	7	3	0	1	0
Totals		131	73	58	4	1	2

PROVENCE'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	SACKS	FF	FR
10 at NO (11/6/83) 6 at Rams (9/29/85)	1 (5 times)	1 Phil. (10/5/86)	1 (2 times)

The Jeff Van Note Honor Roll

Most Games Played by Offensive Linemen
In NFL History 246

Most NFL Games Played With One Team
Jim Marshall, Minnesota 270
JEFF VAN NOTE, ATLANTA 246
Mick Tingelhoff, Minnesota 240

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BOISE STATE
5th YEAR
HT: 6-1 WT: 240
BORN: 8/31/60

JOHN RADE
LINEBACKER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 54/47—1983 (16/11), 1984 (7/7), 1985 (16/4), 1986 (15/15)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1983, Round 8 (215th overall)

LAST YEAR: "Radar" zeroed in on his targets for 140 direct hits (second best) as an ankle injury sidelined him from Week 16 and his chance for the team lead. By bulking up 15 pounds, John moved from outside to inside in the new 3-4 alignment and performed at the top level of his NFL career. He had a personal best 15-tackle game against the Saints, with a 13-tackle plus a sack game vs. the 49ers in Week 12. In five more games, "Radar" found his marks 11 times. He added an interception vs. the Colts.

PRO CAREER: Looking for a "Break", John left Boise in February for a shot with the USFL's Boston Breakers. A few days later, the Breakers cut him and his home in Idaho sustained a fire. Undaunted, he explored a chance with the Canadian League (contract talks with Winnipeg) and then got drafted by the Falcons in April. He made 11 tackles in his first NFL preseason game (Wash.), earning a roster spot. In Week 5, he got a "break" when starter Al Richardson suffered a broken shoulder blade. Now, four years and 400 tackles later, John is a solid NFL veteran linebacker with a bonafide resume of big games and big plays.

HONORS: NFL All-Rookie—Pro Football Weekly
UPI
Pro Football Writers Association

1983: A banner rookie year ended with 117 tackles (5th team) plus two fumble recoveries and two QB sacks. His very first start (Week 6) vs. the Rams resulted in 14 tackles, followed by 15 in his second game (three behind the line). His crunching tackles also resulted in three forced fumbles.

1984: His "sophomore jinx" proved to be injuries as he battled both a hamstring injury and pinched nerve in his neck. He was placed on Injured Reserve after seven games and 42 tackles.

1985: John started 11 games at left outside linebacker and three at right outside linebacker en route to a 95-tackle, 4.5 sacks, two interception season. Against the Rams (Week 11) he made 9 tackles, had two sacks and forced a fumble.

NOTEBOOK: "Big Play John" has already scored NFL TD's by both returning a fumble and an interception. As a rookie, he returned a fumble for a touchdown in a win over New England. Then, in 1985 he returned an interception 38 yards against Denver for six points. John also had an interception vs the Eagles in 1985 to set up the tieing FG to send the game into overtime.

COLLEGE: A defensive lineman in college at NCAA Division II power Boise State, John was the Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. He made 31 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for 173 yards in losses. Traveling John had originally enrolled at Northern Arizona, then switched to Modesto Junior College before heading north. With the track team, John tossed the discus 164 feet for a school mark.

PERSONAL: Born in Ceres, California, John graduated from Buena High in Sierra Vista, Arizona, where he starred with both the football and track teams. John and his wife, Lori, have one child, Jenna, and live in Cumming, GA.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				Interceptions			Fumbles	
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst.	Sacks	No.	Yds.	LG	FF	FR
1983	Atl.	117	66	51	2	0	0	0	3	2
1984	Atl.	42	23	19	0	0	0	0	0	1
1985	Atl.	95	43	52	4.5	2	42	38t	1	0
1986	Atl.	140	73	67	1	1	6	6	0	0
TOTALS		394	205	189	7.5	3	48	38t	4	3

RADE'S PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	SACKS	INT.
15 NO (12/14/86) at Rams (10/16/83) 14 NO (10/9/83) 13 at S.F. (11/23/86)	2 Rams (11/17/85)	1 (3 times)
LG	**FR**	**FF**
38t Den. (9/22/85)	1 (3 times) 16t N.E. (10/30/83)	1 (4 times)

JOHN RADE

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GEORGIA
3rd YEAR
HT: 6-5 WT: 277
BORN: 5/17/61

WAYNE RADLOFF
CENTER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 32/16—1985 (16/0), 1986 (16/16)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, March 1, 1985

LAST YEAR: In any sport, trying to fill the shoes of a legend is a tough task. For Wayne, he was faced with becoming the first center to start for the Falcons since 1969 when Jeff Van Note, the six-time Pro Bowler, arrived in Atlanta. Despite the unenviable comparisons that always go with that territory, Wayne put forth an effort that deserved merit. In starting all 16 games, Wayne participated on an offensive unit that ranked number one in the NFL in time of possession and number three in yards rushing, setting a club record in that category.

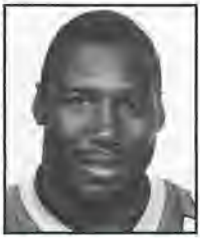
PRO CAREER: Competition has always been the center focal point for Wayne. First, it was trying to make it in the USFL and then it was trying to make it in the NFL. Last year, it was a head-to-head duel with Van Note. Now, in '87, he'll be challenged by teammate Jamie Dukes for the starting position. Wayne was the second round pick of the Michigan Panthers in 1983 and went on to play two seasons (35 regular season games) for them. He was an All-USFL choice and a member of the League Champions before becoming a free agent. He chose to sign with the Falcons and played all 16 games his first year, then battling for the starting assignment. His size and ability allow him to play guard or tackle, as well. He played guard in college and tackle vs. the Rams in 1985.

HONORS: 1983: All-USFL selection

NOTEBOOK: He seems to be working on a ring collection. At the University of Georgia, the Bulldogs won a national championship. Then, with the Michigan of the USFL, the Panthers won a League championship. He'd love to complete the set with a Super Bowl ring. He also would rank as one of the tallest centers in the NFL, and perhaps even the tallest, with his 6-foot-5-inch height. Wayne also has 4.78 speed in the 40, excellent for his size.

COLLEGE: Wayne played guard early in his Georgia Bulldog career, switching to center for his senior year. He was a member of that '80 squad that beat Notre Dame in Sugar Bowl to earn acclaim as national champions. In '82, Wayne earned all-SEC honors and was selected for the East-West Shrine Game. He majored in Education.

PERSONAL: The son of an Air Force dad, Wayne was born in London, England, living there until he was 11 years old. He attended Winter Park, Florida, High, competing in football and track. He even turned down a track scholarship to Florida State to throw the discus. Wayne and his wife, Garland, currently reside in Lawrenceville, GA.



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ARIZONA STATE
6th YEAR
HT: 6-1 WT: 232
BORN: 11/6/60

GERALD RIGGS
RUNNING BACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 70/45—[1/0], 1982 (9/0) [1/0], 1983 (14/0), 1984 (15/14), 1985 (16/16), 1986 (16/15)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1982, Round 1 (9th overall)

LAST YEAR: Still rushing for respect and recognition, Gerald bulled his way to a second straight Pro Bowl and a third consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season. Gerald, who now holds or shares 14 club records, gained 1,327 rushing yards (6th overall NFL) and 136 more receiving yards (24 catches), while scoring a team-best nine touchdowns. He had six more 100-yard games as he carried the burden for a rushing attack that ranked 3rd in the NFL. His top games included 172 yards (his third-best ever) at Miami in Week 13, a 35-carry, 141-yard performance against the Rams, and a 129-yard effort vs. Tampa Bay, all three of which were Falcon victories. His top receiving game was six catches vs. the 49ers, an OT tie. We'll just call it the 3 R's (no, not reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic) of the Falcons: **R**espect + **R**ecognition = **R**iggs!

PRO CAREER: Gerald joined the NFL in 1982 as the 9th player chosen overall (second running back) with a group that included Darrin Nelson (7th), Marcus Allen (10th), Walter Abercrombie (12th), Barry Redden (14th), Butch Woolfolk (18th), ASU teammate Robert Weathers (40th) and Joe Morris (45th). But, Gerald was picked by the team that had the NFL's leading runner from the 1979-1983 era (Andrews) and used a one-back offense. He played when he could, showing all he needed was a chance. Then, in 1984 Gerald was thrust into the starting role (Andrews knee injury eliminated competition) and he's been among the NFL's best. In his three years as a starter, Gerald has gained 4,532 yards (an average of 1,510 per season) just 36 yards behind Payton and trailing only Eric Dickerson in the NFL. He's started 44 of the 48 possible games, with 20 100-yard games, leading the NFC with 1,719 yards in 1985. He combines power (230 pounds) with speed (9.5 100 and 4.6 40) plus good hands (139 catches), explaining why he's been to the last two Pro Bowls and why he holds as many club records as he already does.

HONORS: **1986:** NFL Pro Bowl
1985: NFL Pro Bowl
All-NFL (Second Team), UPI
All-NFC—UPI

1985: Gerald could have worn the Big "S" for Superman on his jersey instead of #42 because his achievements were bordering above mere mortal football players. Despite playing behind an injury riddled offensive line, Gerald led the entire NFC with 1,719 yards rushing and caught 33 passes for 267 more. He missed most of the Week 13 Minnesota game with a knee sprain, perhaps that being the 40 yards difference between him and Marcus Allen for the NFL lead. Most amazing is that Gerald rushed the ball a club record 397 times (second most in NFL history) and caught the ball 33 times (430) without fumbling. Add to the list of accomplishments his nine 100-yard games and another club record five-straight 100-yard games. The hard-hitting, record-setting world champion Bears defense could not even stop Gerald as he was the lone back to run for 100 against them (110). His 100-yard games were topped by a

197-yard outing (his second best career) at Kansas City, his rushing attempts by a club-record 41 vs. the Rams, and his scoring by a 3-TD game vs. the Rams.

1984: In his first year as a starter, Gerald stormed for 1,436 yards (4th NFL), despite missing Week 6 with an ankle injury. He established a club record with 13 touchdowns (just one off the NFL lead) and produced five 100-yard games. He also caught 42 passes for 277 yards and had his career longest run (57 yards) at New Orleans.

1983: He took good notes from Andrews' 1,500 yard season, but got 100 carries of his own for 437 yards. He still led the club in touchdowns scored (8) and had a 40-yard TD run vs. San Francisco. He missed two games with fractured ribs.

1982: Rookie Gerald competed with Pro Bowler Andrews and talented Lynn Cain for playing time. He got just 78 carries for 299 yards with five touchdowns, plus 23 pass receptions, hardly ample notice to the NFL of what kind of star he was to become.

NOTEBOOK: Gerald has the distinction of having a 200-yard rushing game before he ever had a 100-yard rushing game. In the 1984 season opener at New Orleans, Gerald's first start was a phenomenal 35-carry, 202 yard effort in a 36-28 Falcon win. Since, he has followed with 19 additional 100-yard games. And, Gerald, the club's all-time leader in touchdowns scored (45) has never scored a touchdown receiving, despite 139 receptions. From Week 14 in 1984 to Week 4 of 1986, Gerald handled the ball 552 times without a fumble. For his career, Gerald has carried or caught the ball 1,410 times, fumbling just 24 times, a ratio of one per every 59 times.

COLLEGE: Recruited by Frank Kush, Gerald finished his career at Arizona State with a 31-15 won lost record. His college totals read 392 attempts, 2,086 yards and a 5.3 average. He teamed with Robert Weathers (New England) and Willie Gittens, but finally burst loose with a conference leading 6.0 average as a senior on 148 carries for 891 yards. His speed enabled him to break 70 and 68 yard runs. Gerald was selected for the East-West Shrine Game and the Olympia Gold Bowl. He majored in physical education.

PERSONAL: Gerald Antonio Riggs was born in Tilluha, Louisiana, but moved to Las Vegas, where his mother (Bertha) was an insurance adjustor. At Bonanza High in Las Vegas, Gerald became the Nevada offensive player of the year with a 1,517 yard season, including a game where he gained 236 yards on just eight carries, an average of 29.5 yards, and scored four touchdowns. Gerald also lettered in basketball and track. An avid tennis player, Gerald was invited to the White House Tennis Tournament in June.

He has a career interest of being behind the camera instead of in front of it, learning a few of the ropes from an Atlanta cable television station. Gerald has a son, Gerald.

THE RIGGS RECORD BOOK

Most Yards Rushing, Season	1,719 in 1985
Most Rushing Attempts, Season	397 in 1985
Most Yards Rushing, Game	202 on 9-2-84—N.O.
Most Rushing Attempts, Game	41 on 11-17-85—L.A.
Most 100-Yard Games, Season	9 in 1985
Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games	5 Wk 8-12 in '85
Most Touchdowns, Career	45
Most Touchdowns, Season	13 in 1984
Most Rushing Touchdowns, Career	45
Most Rushing Touchdowns, Season	13 in 1984
Most Points, Game (ties)	18 11-17-85—L.A.
Most Touchdowns, Game (ties)	3 11-17-85—L.A.
Most Consecutive Games, TD	5 1985-86
Most Consecutive Games, Rushing TD	5

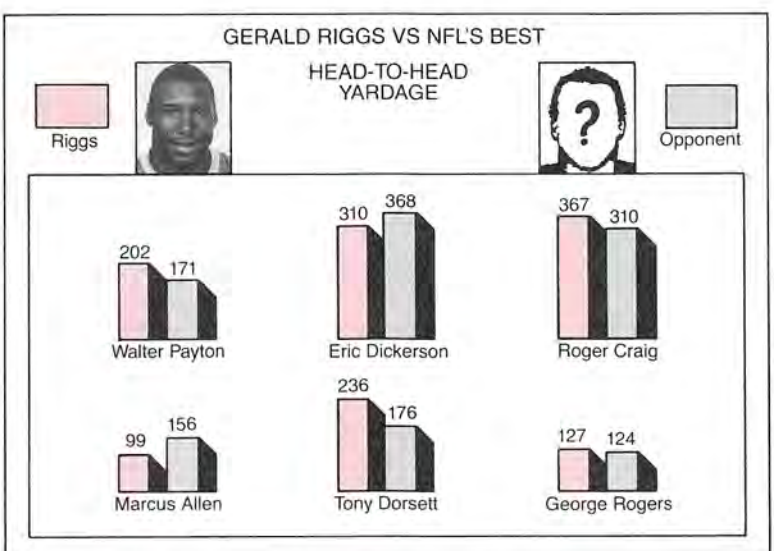
CAREER STATISTICS

		Rushing					Receiving				
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1982	Atl.	78	299	3.8	37	5	23	185	8.0	15	0
1983	Atl.	100	437	4.4	40t	8	17	149	8.8	25	0
1984	Atl.	353	1486	4.2	57	13	42	277	6.6	21	0
1985	Atl.	397	1719	4.3	50	10	33	267	8.1	44	0
1986	Atl.	343	1327	3.9	31	9	24	136	5.7	11	0
TOTALS		1271	5268	4.1	57	45	139	1014	7.3	44	0

RIGGS' PERSONAL BESTS

RUSHING			
No.	Yds.	LG	TD
*41 Rams (11/17/85) 39 at NO (12/22/85) 35 at NO (9/2/84) Rams (9/12/86)	*202 at NO (9/2/84) 197 at K.C. (12/8/85) 172 Colts (12/7/86) 158 at NO (12/22/85) *Club Record	57 at NO (9/2/84) 50 at K.C. (12/8/85) 33 at NO (12/22/85) 32 at Wash. (11/5/84)	3 Rams (11/17/85) 2 (8 times)

RECEIVING			
No.	Yds.	LG	TD
6 S.F. (10/19/86) Rams (10/22/84 at Pitt. (10/28/84) Clev. (11/18/84)	68 Wash. (11/3/85) 56 G. Bay (12/26/82) 55 S.F. (12/2/84) 42 at Pitt. (10/28/84)	44 Wash. (11/3/85) 25 at NO (11/6/83) 21 Phil. (12/16/84) 15 G. Bay (12/26/82)	None



RIGGS 100-YARD GAMES

Date	Opponent	Attempt	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD	Score
9-2-84	at N.O.	35	202	5.8	57	2	40-34 (W)
12-8-85	at K.C.	26	197	7.6	50	1	10-38 (L)
11-30-86	at Miami	33	172	5.2	31	1	20-14 (W)
12-22-85	at N.O.	39	158	4.1	33	1	16-10 (W)
10-12-86	L.A. Rams	35	141	4.0	19	1	26-14 (W)
10-13-85	at Seattle	23	139	6.0	30	0	26-30 (L)
12-7-86	Ind. Colts	30	136	4.5	19	0	23-28 (L)
9-30-84	at S.F.	28	136	4.9	18	0	5-14 (L)
11-5-84	at Wash.	27	134	5.0	32	2	14-27 (L)
12-2-84	S.F.	30	133	4.4	19	1	17-35 (L)
9-8-85	Detroit	31	131	4.2	15	1	27-28 (L)
9-28-86	at T.B.	27	129	4.8	22	1	23-20 (W)
11-10-85	at Phil.	27	129	4.8	14	1	17-23 (L)
11-3-85	Wash.	22	127	5.8	21	0	10-44 (L)
10-27-85	at Dallas	24	127	5.3	16	0	10-24 (L)
11-17-85	L.A. Rams	41	123	3.0	12	3	30-14 (W)
9-23-84	Houston	25	120	4.8	14	2	42-10 (W)
11-24-85	at Chicago	30	110	3.7	14	0	0-36 (L)
9-21-86	at Dallas	25	109	4.4	15	1	37-35 (W)
9-14-86	St. Louis	29	108	3.7	10	1	33-13 (W)

RIGGS' GAME BY GAME IN '84

	Rushing					Receiving			
Opponent	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
@ New Orleans	35	202	5.8	57	2	0	0	0	0
Detroit	19	78	4.1	17	1	1	11	11	0
@ Minnesota	17	83	4.9	10	0	3	24	12	0
Houston	25	120	4.8	14	2	1	11	11	0
@ San Francisco	28	136	4.9	18	0	3	15	7	0
@ Los Angels	DNP								
N.Y. Giants	10	63	6.3	13	1	3	18	8	0
L.A. Rams	20	66	3.3	15	0	6	24	10	0
@ Pittsburgh	25	80	3.2	11	0	6	42	12	0
@ Washington	27	134	5.0	32	2	1	8	8	0
New Orleans	29	90	3.1	16	1	2	3	5	0
Cleveland	21	71	3.4	10	0	6	41	9	0
@ Cincinnati	21	89	4.2	16	2	1	3	3	0
San Francisco	30	153	4.4	19	1	3	35	14	0
@ Tampa Bay	15	53	3.5	11	0	5	21	9	0
Philadelphia	31	81	2.8	9	1	1	21	21	0
Totals	353	1486	4.2	57	13	42	277	21	0

RIGGS' GAME BY GAME IN '85

	Rushing					Receiving			
Opponent	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Detroit	31	131	4.2	15	1	3	27	12	0
@ San Francisco	21	92	4.4	33	0	3	15	6	0
Denver	22	69	3.1	10	1	1	7	7	0
@ L.A. Rams	18	61	3.4	11	0	1	13	13	0
San Francisco	13	43	3.3	9	0	5	45	16	0
@ Seattle	23	139	6.0	30	0	1	7	7	0
New Orleans	26	97	3.7	11	1	0	0	0	0
@ Dallas	24	127	5.3	16	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	22	127	5.8	21	0	3	68	44	0
@ Philadelphia	27	129	4.8	14	1	1	1	1	0
Los Angeles Rams	41	123	3.0	12	3	5	16	9	0
@ Chicago	30	110	3.7	14	0	1	1	1	0

Los Angeles Raiders	25	95	3.8	13	1	1	9	9	0
@ Kansas City	26	197	7.6	50	1	3	22	9	0
Minnesota	10	13	1.3	4	0	1	11	11	0
@ New Orleans	39	158	4.1	33	1	4	25	11	0
Totals	397	1719	4.3	50	10	33	267	44	0

RIGGS' GAME BY GAME IN '86

	Rushing					Receiving			
Opponent	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
@ New Orleans	15	69	4.6	9	1	0	0	—	0
St. Louis	29	108	3.8	10	1	1	9	9	0
@ Dallas	25	109	4.3	15	1	0	0	0	0
@ Tampa Bay (ot)	27	129	4.8	22	1	1	10	10	0
Philadelphia	11	22	2.0	7	0	0	0	0	0
L.A. Rams	35	141	4.0	19	1	0	0	0	0
San Francisco (ot)	29	74	2.6	14	0	6	31	11	0
@ L.A. Rams	15	43	2.9	11	0	3	16	7	0
@ New England	26	97	3.7	16	2	1	8	8	0
N.Y. Jets	12	35	2.9	10	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	22	92	4.2	10	0	2	4	0	0
@ San Francisco	10	25	2.5	9	0	2	11	7	0
@ Miami	33	172	5.2	31	1	1	6	6	0
Indianapolis	30	136	4.5	19	0	3	13	5	0
New Orleans	13	50	3.8	14	0	2	12	9	0
@ Detroit	11	25	2.3	6	1	2	16	8	0
Totals	343	1327	3.9	31	9	24	136	11	0

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STANFORD
8th YEAR
HT: 6-1 WT: 196
BORN: 1/15/57

TURK SCHONERT
QUARTERBACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 36/11—1980 (0/0), 1981 (4/0), 1982 (1/0), 1983 (9/3), 1984 (8/3), 1985 (6/0), 1986 (8/5)

HOW ACQUIRED: Trade with Cincinnati Bengals, Draft Day, 1986, for third round draft choice

LAST YEAR: After coming to the Falcons on a draft day trade with the Bengals, Turk wasn't sure what his future held. But, he worked hard to learn a new system, new teammates and awaited a new chance. When Dave Archer suffered a separated shoulder in Week 11, Turk became the starter. While seeing your first action vs. the Chicago Bears and your first start at San Francisco is not the ideal way to do it, Turk took his lumps, then promptly led the Falcons to a 20-14 win over the Miami Dolphins. He finished 2-3 as the starter, passing for 1,032 yards (61.7%) with four touchdowns and eight interceptions. His top passing totals were 238 vs New Orleans, 227 vs San Francisco and 222 vs the Colts. He also ran for a touchdown in the upset of the Dolphins.

PRO CAREER: The Chicago Bears had made Turk their 9th round pick (242nd overall) in the 1980 draft, but he was released at the end of camp, August 25. Cincinnati quickly signed him and he began a six-year stint with the Bengals. He

compiled a 4-2 record in his six starts, competing with Ken Anderson, Jack Thompson (#1 pick) and Boomer Esiason for playing time. At 2-3 with Atlanta, he's now 6-5 in his 11 NFL starts. He's now passed for 3,768 career yards, while running 71 times for 278 more.

1981: After not seeing action as a rookie, Turk's NFL debut was right from the movie script. In the '81 opener, the Bengals were trailing 21-0 to Seattle when Turk was called on to replace Ken Anderson. He rallied them to a 27-21 win to start the Bengals on a journey to the AFC Championship. Despite that, he played only four games, without a start as Forrest Gregg's team was 12-4. The Bengals lost the Super Bowl to San Francisco.

1983: Finally, Turk got the opportunity to start. He played nine games with three starts and hit 92-156 for 1,159 yards, still his NFL high. He had 290 yards passing against both Green Bay and Denver.

1984: Turk was called upon in eight games, three starts, but his season ended early when he tore ligaments in his right shoulder. Against Atlanta, he was a razor-sharp 20-23 (87.0%), one completion away from Anderson's NFL game record, with 288 yards and a pair of TD's in a 35-14 win.

1985 Young Boomer Esiason took over Sam Wyche's team as Turk saw action in six games with 460 yards passing (33-51) without an interception.

NOTEBOOK: Turk has a 62% career completion mark, one of the highest in football. His 87% single game best came against the Falcons. Coach Wyche in Cincinnati liked to call him "True Grit". At Summit Hills in the Cincinnati area, Turk once shot a hole-in-one on the golf course. While the folks on the third green were quite excited for him, he had to explain that he had teed off on the seventh hole, not the third, and he had sliced the ball so bad it went that far astray and into the wrong hole.

COLLEGE: Highly recruited, Turk chose Stanford. He quarterbacked the junior varsity there as a freshman, where he broke some of Jim Plunkett's marks. Redshirted as a sophomore, he played for Bill Walsh in 1978 behind Guy Benjamin. When Walsh left, Rod Dowhower took over and a freshman, John Elway arrived. As a senior, he led the NCAA in passing efficiency in 1979 and set school records for completion percentage (67.0) and interception avoidance (2.71). He also led the Pac-10 with 19 TD passes. One of the stars of that Stanford team was Viking RB Darrin Nelson, the 7th player picked in the draft.

PERSONAL: His dad, Leroy, is the one who came up with the name Turk Leroy Schonert for his son and he says there is no real story of why. Turk says the only other Turk he's ever met was the doughnut man in Fountain Valley, California, who gave him free glazed doughnuts because of his name. And, Turk was one of the more popular Cincinnati players, so he still has an item on the menu at "The Precinct" restaurant named after him: Steak a la Turk. Born in Torrence, Turk played Little League Baseball in the Santa Ana area and was a member of the team that finished third in the 1968 World Series. He played QB at a Los Angeles area power, Anaheim Servite, earning all-American prep honors. He is a co-owner with Cris Collingsworth of a thoroughbred horse. In keeping with his California background, Turk likes para-sailing, water skiing, beaches, and golf. His is the godson of NBA official Darrell Garretson. A bachelor, Turk owns a house in Roswell, GA.

"...I'll always be happy that I got the chance to play in the NFL. This game is something every kid dreams about when he drops back in the street and pretends he's Joe Namath. Anybody who's been able to do what they dreamed of since they were a kid is very, very fortunate, and I feel very fortunate." Turk

CAREER STATISTICS

		Passing							Rushing			
Year	Team	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	Pct.	TD	Int.	Rtg.	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
1980	Cinc.	DNP										
1981	Cinc.	10	10	166	52.6	0	0	42.1	7	41	16	1
1982	Cinc.	1	1	6	100.0	0	0	52.0	3	-8	1	1
1983	Cinc.	92	156	1159	59.0	2	5	73.2	29	117	15	2
1984	Cinc.	78	117	945	66.6	4	7	77.7	13	77	17	1
1985	Cinc.	33	51	460	64.7	1	0	60.3	8	39	17	0
1986	Atl.	95	154	1032	61.7	4	8	68.5	11	12	7	1
Totals		309	489	3768	62.0	11	20	75.9	71	278	17	6

SCHONERT'S PERSONAL BESTS

BENGALS		
ATT.	COMP.	YDS.
33 at Den. (10/16/83) 29 G. Bay (10/30/83)	20 (-23) Atl. (11/25/84) 20 (-29) G. Bay (10/20/83) 20 (-33) at Den. (10/16/83)	290 at Den. (10/16/83) G. Bay (10/30/83)
FALCONS		
ATT.	COMP.	YDS.
36 NO (12/14/86) 35 at S.F. (11/23/86)	24 NO (12/14/86) 21 at S.F. (11/23/86)	238 NO (12/14/86) 227 at S.F. (11/23/86)
BENGALS		
PCT.	LG	TD
66.6 (2-3) at Rams (10/26/86) 61.5 (8-13) at Mia. (11/30/86)	41 at S.F. (11/23/86) 37 at Mia. (11/30/86)	2 Colts (12/7/86) 1 NO (12/14/86) at Det. (12/21/86)
FALCONS		
PCT.	LG	TD
87.0 (20-23) Atl. (11/25/85)	57 Atl. (11/25/84)	2 G. Bay (10/30/83) Atl. (11/25/84)

PAIRING UP

The first two Falcon running backs to both rush for 100 yards in the same game were Dave Hampton (161) and Art Malone (103) on Oct. 1, 1972, at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium in the club's first-ever win over the L.A. Rams.

The first two Falcon receivers to both gain 100 yards receiving in the same game were William Andrews (15-124) and Alfred Jackson (5-109) on Nov. 15, 1981, at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium vs. the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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NOTRE DAME
7th YEAR
HT: 6-6 WT: 270
BORN: 8/2/58

JOHN SCULLY
GUARD

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 79/54 [1/1]—1981 (16/0), 1982 (9/0) [1/0], 1983 (16/16), 1984 (16/16), 1985 (8/8), 1986 (14/14)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1981, Round 4 (109th overall)

LAST SEASON: John successfully returned from a leg fracture the year before to start 14 games at left guard. He injured his leg (refractured fibula) in the second half of the Week 14 Colts game and was then placed on Injured Reserve December 13. He quietly and efficiently played role in the Falcons leading the NFL in time of possession and #3 ranking in rushing in the NFL. With Pro Bowlers all around him in his career (Kenn to his left, Van Note to his right, R.C. Thielemann and Bill Fralic at the other guard spot), John has done his job professionally, rarely noticed because he rarely gets his name called for holding or any other penalty.

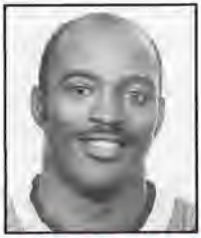
PRO CAREER: John was the back-up to Pro Bowler Van Note in 1981 but still played all 16 games and was selected as an All-NFL rookie. In the Falcons '82 playoff year, he also backed up Van Note, but played in every game. Then, in 1983 when Thielemann held out, John was moved in as the starting right guard and never relinquished it, forcing R.C. to the left side. He had only one holding penalty the entire year, that coming in the opener. In '84, John started all 16 again at right guard, and again was whistled for but one holding call. Then, in '85, Fralic arrived so John made the switch as the starting left guard. On the second play of the Week 8 Dallas game, John broke his right leg (tibia and fibula) when Gerald Riggs rolled over on it. That ended a games played streak of 65 straight and a games started streak of 40.

HONORS: 1981: All-NFL Rookie—UPI

NOTEBOOK: John's been playing the piano (third grade) longer than he's been playing football (sixth grade) and has made a career out of both. "The keyboard artistry of John Scully" was performed with the Midwest Pops in South Bend to several clubs in the Atlanta area. He is the regular entertainer at the club's annual spring highlight film premiere, as well. During the players strike he composed "Three Moods" on his electric piano and has recorded others since.

COLLEGE: He started as a back-up tackle and worked his way to center, where he was the runner-up in the Outland Trophy balloting to Mark May of Pitt (Redskins). A consensus all-American, John carried a B average as he majored in sociology and minored in economics.

PERSONAL: Born in Huntington, N.Y., John's dad has been a patent lawyer and a chemistry professor. John excelled in football at Holy Family in Huntington, playing three years of baseball as well. His brother-in-law is former Notre Dame alumnus and now Chicago Bear, Tom Thayer. John and his wife, Annette, currently live in Roswell, GA., and are expecting their first child in October.



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JACKSON STATE
4th YEAR
HT: 5-7 WT: 171
BORN: 2/24/61

SYLVESTER STAMPS
RB/RETURNER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 26/0—1984 (10/0), 1985 (2/0), 1986 (14/0)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, May 2, 1984/Dec. 10, 1985

LAST YEAR: "Mighty Mouse" donned his cape (make that jersey) and came to the rescue with a combined 963 total yards to rank second on the team. He provided "mini" happy returns (522 total yards and a 21.4 KOR average that was 6th in the NFC), plus "mini" big plays (48-yard run vs. Patriots, 39-yard game-tieing TD with 1:33 remaining vs. 49ers, 35 yard kickoff return). His top games would include the first SF game (Week 7) with 136 total yards and that catch-and-run for the equalizing TD, the 132-yard effort in the OT win at Tampa Bay, and the 126-yards in the second SF meeting. A hamstring injury in Week 13 vs. Miami slowed him and he was placed on IR December 13, missing the final two games and a shot at a 1,000-combined yard season.

PRO CAREER: Certainly not a quitter, Stamps has had his share of rejection. He first signed with Birmingham (18th round pick) of the USFL, but lasted only one week before they cut him. The Falcons signed him and he played 10 games before injuring his hamstring and going on IR. He was then cut by the Falcons in 1985 at the end of training camp, then finally re-signed Dec. 6. He was cut Dec. 7, but then signed again on Dec. 10.

1984: The rookie was one return shy of qualifying for the NFC kickoff return title with 19 for 452 and a 23.8 average. In 10 games, he also caught 4 passes for 48 yards, but fumbled twice.

1985: He returned at season's end for two weeks, returning four kickoffs for 89 yards (22.3 average).

NOTEBOOK: While working as a fireman at Vicksburg, Mississippi, Fire Station #8, Sylvester answered the Falcons call on time in 1985. He needed his 4.4 speed on that job as well, hooking up the hose in less than 30 seconds. He may rank as the most nicknamed player on the Falcons, having been called "Zip Code", "Special Delivery", "Sly" and "Mighty Mouse" since college.

COLLEGE: At Jackson State, Stamps postmarked his career with a 1,082-yard senior season. His career averages included 11.0 on 66 punt returns and 23.8 on 41 kickoff returns. He also had rushing averages of 6.1 as a senior and 8.0 as a junior.

PERSONAL: Sylvester was born and reared in Vicksburg, Mississippi, where he starred at Vicksburg High by totaling over 3,000 yards in high school. He and his wife, Gale, still live in Vicksburg, where he'll probably some day return to Fire Station Number 8.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Kickoff Returns				Rushing				Receiving			
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
1984	Atl.	19	452	23.8	50	3	15	5.0	0	4	48	8	0
1985	Atl.	4	89	22.3	32	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	Atl.	24	514	21.4	35	30	220	7.3	0	20	221	39t	1
TOTALS		47	1055	22.4	50	33	235	7.1	0	24	269	39t	1

STAMP'S PERSONAL BESTS			
KICKOFF RETURNS			
No.	**Yds.**	**LG**	**TD**
5 at Pitt. (10/28/84) 4 at T. Bay (9/28/86) Phil. (10/5/86)	149 at Pitt. (10/28/84) 103 at T. Bay (9/28/86)	50 at Pitt. (10/28/84) 41 at Minn. (9/16/84)	None
RECEIVING			
No.	**Yds.**	**LG**	**TD**
3 (4 times)	63 S.F. (10/19/86)	39t S.F. (10/19/86)	1 S.F. (10/19/86)
RUSHING			
No.	**Yds.**	**LG**	**TD**
6 S.F. (10/19/86)	55 at N.E. (11/2/86)	48 at N.E. (11/2/86)	None

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UCLA
5th YEAR
HT: 5-11 WT: 187
BORN: 6/15/59

JIMMY TURNER
CORNERBACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 62—1983 (16), 1984 (16), 1985 (16), 1986 Cinc. (8) Atl. (6)

HOW ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent, Nov. 12, 1987

LAST YEAR: Cincinnati decided to release the fourth-year corner on Sept. 2 on the final cutdown. After two weeks, they decided they wanted him back and he re-signed. He played eight games, then they released him again on Nov. 10. This time the Falcons signed him and he joined them for the final six games. Now, he is anxiously awaiting his first Falcon training camp to fully learn the system and work with the coaches more.

PRO CAREER: Drafted by the Bengals in Round 3 (81st overall) in 1983, Jimmy turned down an offer from the USFL's Philadelphia Stars. He started a streak by playing in every game for Cincinnati from '83-'85 (48 straight) before they released him, then re-signed him. He gave them versatility at both cornerback and safety. In his Bengal career, he was credited with 100 tackles and two interceptions. His long interception was a 40-yarder against the Raiders in 1985. With the Falcons, he added three tackles and a special teams tackle.

NOTEBOOK: Jimmy was a member of a talented secondary at UCLA that also featured Herb Welch of the world champion Giants and the late Don Rogers of the Cleveland Browns.

COLLEGE: In three years as a starter at UCLA, Jimmy had 11 interceptions for 113 yards, including five as a sophomore and three each as a junior and senior. He returned his only punt at UCLA for 59 yards. As a senior, Jimmy earned a ring as the Bruins won the Rose Bowl over Michigan. He was selected for the East-West Shrine Game, coming back from 1979 knee surgery to star for the Bruins. He majored in sociology.

PERSONAL: Jimmy Lee Turner was born in Sherman, Texas, where he was a member of Tom Hudspeth's 28-2 teams at Sherman High for three seasons. He was

an all-American and picked on all-Dallas area teams as well. He was involved with the Boys Clubs in Cincinnati. His hobbies include music and singing. Jimmy and his wife, Adrienne, have a daughter, Gillian, 1, and reside in Los Angeles, California.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles			Interceptions		
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst.	No.	Yds.	TD
1983	Cinc.	8	6	2	0	0	0
1984	Cinc.	50	38	12	1	4	0
1985	Cinc.	33	24	9	1	40	0
1986	Cinc.	9	8	1	0	0	0
	Atl.	3	2	1	0	0	0
Totals		103	78	25	2	44	0

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GEORGIA TECH
3rd YEAR
HT: 6-3 WT: 240
BORN: 2/28/62

KEN WHISENHUNT
TIGHT END/H-BACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 32/14—1985 (16/0), 1986 (16/14)

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1985, 12th round (313th overall)

LAST YEAR: Gee, "Whiz", you proved what a competitor you are. You earned your starting role as the H-Back, showing critics you could catch (20 for 184 and 3 TDs), could block (NFL's #3 rushing attack), and could run (20-yard rush and lots of movement as the motion back). "Whiz" had an 18-yard TD in the Week 3 upset of Dallas, three catches each vs. the Patriots and Eagles, along with touchdowns against the Jets (Week 10) and Saints (Week 15). We've got to give him some credit, too, for the blocking that produced seven individual 100-yard games en route to the club record for yards rushing. Did we mention he overcame arthroscopic knee surgery in the preseason, missing two weeks, but fighting back to become the starter?

PRO CAREER: Let me tell you the story of this "Whiz-ard of Oz." With the Atlanta Falcons and NFL as his Oz, this "Whiz-ard" tried to teach to the tin mans, scarecrows and lions of the NFL. "Whiz-ard" showed the tin man what heart was. He came in as a 12th round draft pick and wouldn't quit. He worked to build up his strength in the weight room (from 225 to 240 lbs.) and took the initiative to become a special teams kamikaze leader (seven tackles as a rookie). He showed the lion some courage by taking on the linebackers and becoming a determined blocker and by working hard to overcome knee surgery. And the scarecrow could see he had the brains as the Falcons used his versatility and knowledge to be the motion back knowing tight end, receiver, and running back plays. Heck, he was even the third QB on the roster early should the starters get hurt. So far, this hasn't been a dream tale, it's been a real story for an over-achiever.

NOTEBOOK: So far with the Falcons, he's been a receiver, a running back, a kickoff returner, a solid blocker, a special teams coverage specialist, the motion back, and even a back-up quarterback. Of course, those are all really just repeats of all of the positions he played in college, not to mention fullback and holder for placekicks. A

golfer, Ken once hit a hole-in-one shot, but it only counted as a birdie because he had hit his first shot in the water and was hitting a second tee shot.

COLLEGE: He was Tech's first modern-era five-year letterman, excelling under Coach Bill Curry. He left as Tech's third all-time leading receiver (1,264 yards on 82 catches) and an all-ACC pick. He was just a walk-on candidate, but ended up playing QB as a freshman against the number one team in the nation (Notre Dame) when the starter was hurt as the teams battled to a tie. He went from a 185-pounder to a 225-pounder when he left. Ken majored in Civil Engineering at Tech.

PERSONAL: Kenneth Moore Whisenhunt was born in Atlanta, but played his prep ball at Richmond Academy in Augusta, GA, as a quarterback/defensive back. A knee injury as a senior scared away the college scouts. The second son of an attorney, Ken also has two younger sisters. His versatility showed off the field, too, where he participated in the NFL's arm wrestling competition, and helped raise money for local charities by swimming in the Aqualympics, playing Laser Tag, and golfing. A bachelor, Ken resides in Norcross.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving					Rushing				
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1985	Atlanta	3	48	16.0	29	0	1	3	3.0	3	0
1986	Atlanta	20	184	9.2	23t	3	1	20	20.0	20	0
TOTALS		23	232	10.1	29	3	2	23	11.5	20	0

WHISENHUNT'S PERSONAL BESTS

RECEIVING			
NO.	YDS.	LG	TD
4 at Det. (12/21/86) 3 Phil. (10/5/86) at N.E. (11/2/86)	39 at Dallas (9/21/86) at Det. (12/21/86) 29 at Sea. (10/13/85)	29 at Sea. (10/13/85) 23 Jets (11/9/86) 21 at Dallas (9/21/86)	1 at Dallas (9/21/86) Jets (11/9/86) Colts (12/7/86)
RUSHING			
NO.	YDS.	LG	TD
1 at N.E. (11/2/86) at Rams (9/29/85)	20 at N.E. (11/2/86)	20 at N.E. (11/2/86)	None

The Magic 1,000

Gaining 1,000 yards by rushing or receiving is a goal most players only hope for in the NFL. However, no less than five active Falcons have experienced a 1,000-yard season in their careers. RB William Andrews has done it four times, WR Stacey Bailey did it once, WR Charlie Brown surpassed that total once, WR Billy "White Shoes" Johnson gained his in the Canadian League, and RB Gerald Riggs has topped 1,000 the last three consecutive seasons for Atlanta.

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GEORGIA TECH
10th YEAR
HT: 6-4 WT: 242
BORN: 5/27/56

REGGIE WILKES
LINEBACKER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 131/102 [7/3]— 1978 (16/13) [1/1], 1979 [2/2] (16/16), 1980 (16/0), [3/0] 1981 (14/8), [1/0] 1982 (9/7), 1983 (14/12), 1984 (14/14), 1985 (16/16), 1986 (16/16)

HOW ACQUIRED: Trade with Philadelphia Eagles for 7th round draft choice on April 17, 1986

LAST YEAR: The quarterback of the defense, Reggie called the signals that helped the defense rise dramatically from 28th in the NFL in points allowed to 6th and from 25th in total yards to 7th. His part in that monumental task included starting all 16 games, making 92 tackles, having 8 QB hurries, forcing a fumble, having 12 passes defensed, and intercepting two passes. He had a top game of nine tackles vs. the Jets, with his pass interceptions coming against the Bears and Colts.

PRO CAREER: A master of the 3-4 defense now, Reggie joined the NFL as a third round pick (the first draft choice, however) of the Eagles of Dick Vermeil and defensive coordinator Marion Campbell. That linebacking corps that included stars like Bill Bergey, Frank LeMaster and John Bunting helped Reggie learn in a hurry as the Eagles rugged defense led them into the playoffs from 1978 through 1981. He's started at both the left and right outside positions, accumulating 131 games and 102 starts. He's also a playoff veteran of seven games, being on the '80 NFC Championship team.

HONORS: 1978 NFL All-Rookie—UPI
Pro Football Weekly

1985: Starting all 16 games, Reggie rang up 74 tackles, two QB sacks and a pair of fumble recoveries

1984: Despite a broken toe, he played 14 games, making 50 tackles while sharing playing time with Jody Schulz. He had QB sacks vs. Minnesota and Buffalo, plus a six yard interception against the Cowboys.

1983: He underwent arthroscopic surgery (8-17-83) on his right knee, but returned to play 14 games and start the final 12. He was credited with 66 tackles and a forced fumble.

1982: In the nine-game season, Reggie had seven starts at ROLB with 42 tackles and a QB sack.

1981: Playing in 14 games, he started seven in place of Bunting and another on the right side in place of Jerry Robinson. He contributed 40 tackles, two interceptions (Atlanta and Washington) and a QB sack.

1980: The Eagles championship year, Reggie played all 16 games. He had a key interception in regular season victory over rival Cowboys.

1979: The starting right side linebacker, he made 88 tackles, had two interceptions, two sacks, and three passes defensed.

1978: He started the final 13 games at left linebacker and was an All-NFL rookie selection. He tied Bergey for the team lead with five fumble recoveries in the playoff campaign.

NOTEBOOK: Reggie and Chuck Clausen have been together all 10 years. A Dean's List honor student in college, he can read and understand the likes of an Anatomy book, an Auditing book, or a football playbook with equal dexterity. He's taken his post-college business courses at the University of Penn's Wharton School of Business to go along with his biomedical studies at Penn where he did research on rabid brains in mice. He's transferred those credits to the Morehouse College Medical School here in Atlanta. He started his medical interest by working in the emergency room of an Atlanta hospital during his college days. He's also quite involved in the community and with children, speaking out about drinking and driving and working with Philadelphia's Crisis Intervention Network. That's why he's been an NFL Man of the Year citizen/athlete nominee.

PERSONAL: Reggie Waymon Wilkes was born to W.R. Wilkes, a minister in Pine Bluff, Arkansas at the time. He moved to Atlanta and played at Southwest High School and his parents still live in town. He's a cousin of former NBA star Jamaal Wilkes (UCLA). Reggie met his wife, Nina, a Temple Medical School graduate, when he was attending classes there in 1981. They have a daughter, Reina, 2, and reside in College Park.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles				Interceptions			
Year	Team	Total	Solo	Asst	Sacks	No.	Yds.	LG	FR
1978	Philadelphia	71	48	23	0	0	0	0	5
1979	Philadelphia	88	58	30	2	2	0	0	2
1980	Philadelphia	29	18	11	0	1	0	0	0
1981	Philadelphia	40	25	15	1	2	18	11	0
1982	Philadelphia	42	24	18	1	0	0	0	1
1983	Philadelphia	66	48	18	0	0	0	0	0
1984	Philadelphia	50	36	14	2	1	6	6	0
1985	Philadelphia	74	44	30	2	0	0	0	2
1986	Atlanta	92	54	38	0	2	11	10	0
TOTALS		552	355	197	8	8	35	11	10

WILKES' PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	INT	LG	FF
10 at SF (11/23/86) 9 Jets (11/9/86)	1 Chi. (11/16/86) Colts (12/7/86)	10 Chi. (11/16/86)	1 at N.E. (11/2/86)

Falcon Firsts

First Regular Season Opponent ..... Los Angeles Rams, 1966
First Regular Season Win ..... New York Giants, 1966
First Monday Night Opponent ..... Miami Dolphins, 1970
First Monday Night Win ..... Green Bay Packers, 1971
First Opponent Shut Out ..... San Diego Chargers, 1973
First Preseason Opponent ..... Philadelphia Eagles, 1966
First Preseason Win ..... San Francisco 49ers, 1966
First Overtime Opponent ..... Oakland Raiders, 1975
First Overtime Win ..... New Orleans Saints, 1979
First Playoff Game & Win ..... Philadelphia Eagles, 1978

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WISCONSIN-LACROSSE
9th YEAR
HT: 6-1 WT: 225
BORN: 12/13/56

JOEL WILLIAMS
LINEBACKER

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 105/79—[2/2] 1979 (16/0), 1980 (16/16), [1/1] 1981 (10/8), 1982 (9/9), [1/1] 1983 (16/16), 1984 (16/16), 1985 (7/0), 1986 (15/14)

HOW ACQUIRED: Trade, Philadelphia Eagles, April 29, 1986 for a fifth round draft choice.

LAST SEASON: Remember the song that goes "tie a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree if you still want me?" Well, Marion Campbell made sure the Falcons welcomed Joel back to his original club with a yellow ribbon around the right outside linebacker spot in 1986. And, Joel responded with an 87-tackle season that included two pass interceptions (one TD return), a forced fumble, 14 QB hurries and 12 passes defensed. One of his better games came against the Bears. He intercepted a pass and returned it 14 yards to put the Falcons ahead 10-0 in the second quarter, then caused a fumble by Walter Payton that stopped a Bears scoring drive in the fourth quarter. He also had seven tackles in that tough 13-10 loss to the Bears (Week 11).

PRO CAREER: You'd have to pardon Joel if he used the phrase: "I told you so" to describe his NFL career. For Joel was totally ignored in the NFL draft in 1979, and even bypassed as a free agent signing. Finally, he and his college coaches requested just a tryout for him from Don Shula and the Dolphins. Well, they signed him right before camp (July 12), but kept him around for all of training camp before cutting him on August 27. The Falcons immediately claimed him on waivers. He played 51 of a possible 57 games his first four seasons. After contract negotiation problems in 1983, he was traded to the Eagles (with Campbell's defense) for a second round '84 draft pick (Scott Case is a Falcon as a result of that pick) on August 21. Campbell urged his return to Atlanta on draft day, 1986, with the Falcons giving up their fifth round pick (the Eagles took DE Dan McMillen). But, after eight seasons (105 games, nearly 500 tackles, 28 QB sacks, nine fumble recoveries and five pass interceptions) Joel could certainly look back and wonder why no one would believe him as a college senior when he was saying: "Hey, I can play linebacker in the NFL."

1985: He ran into contract problems with the new Eagles management and sat out until a new agreement was reached and then returned to play the final seven games (no starts).

1984: After his first full Campbell-coached defensive training camp, Joel came out roaring with 97 tackles, 1.5 QB sacks, two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, and a field goal block (vs SF). He earned a game ball in win over Buffalo with a talked about play when he broke through three blockers on a TE screen to make a TD-saving tackle.

1983: Despite a late start as a result of the trade to the Eagles, Joel learned on-the-job and responded with all 16 starts. He made 105 tackles (fourth best), had 2.5 QB sacks, seven QB hurries, and four passes defensed. He had a fumble recovery vs Dallas and forced a fumble leading to a FG in win over San Francisco. But, he saved his best against Atlanta when he earned a game ball for a 19-tackle performance.

1982: In the nine-game season, Joel returned from a knee injury to make 36 tackles, three sacks, four passes defensed and a fumble recovery.

1981: A Week 3 knee injury caused him to miss six games and 8 starts, but he still had two QB sacks, two fumble recoveries (one for a 57-yard TD), an interception, and three passes defensed.

1980: "The Year" for Joel. He lead the NFC with 16 QB sacks as the Falcons won the NFC West. Joel also had three fumble recoveries (one for a 42-yard TD return vs. Detroit), a sack for a safety (also vs. Detroit), two interceptions for 55 yards, a three-sack game against the Rams.

1979: The rookie missed all of the Falcons first training camp after spending all summer learning the Dolphins system. He did play all 16 games, however, playing special teams and spot duty on defense.

NOTEBOOK: "Big Play Joel" has scored 20 points already in his NFL career. That includes two fumble return touchdowns (57 and 42 yards), an interception touchdown (14 yards) and a safety. He was an original member of the Falcons "Gritz Blitz" unit. One of Joel's more memorable games, too, would be Sept. 13, 1981 when he returned to Wisconsin for a game against Green Bay and many of his former college coaches, players and friends were on hand to see him. Down 17-0 after three quarters, the Falcons miracle rally included 31 fourth quarter points for a 31-17. Joel added the final touchdown with the 57-yard return after having a QB sack in the third quarter. Joel also holds the Falcon club record for sacks in a season (16 in 1980).

COLLEGE: He left the warmth of Miami to head to college (Peru) in Nebraska. After a week there, he went on to Wisconsin-LaCrosse without a scholarship (work-study program). As a junior in 1976, Joel was honorable mention NAIA all-American. He fractured his leg and was redshirted in 1977, but returned to be NAIA first-team all-American, Kodak college division II all-American and AP small college third team all-American. "Big Play Joel" started his reputation there by scoring four touchdowns (two by interceptions and two by blocked punt returns). Joel earned his B.A. degree in Business Administration.

PERSONAL: Born in Miami, Joel grew up just a few blocks from the Dolphins' Biscayne training camp. His mom, Retha, still gets nervous about her son playing football. One of six (two brothers, three sisters), he graduated from North Miami High School. Joel legally adopted his nephew, Tyrone, in October, 1983, and he is now a WR at Meadow Creek High here in the Atlanta area. He also has a son, Elam, 2. Joel is a real estate broker who owns his own company. He enjoys reggae music and has acquired quite a collection over the years. Joel (that's pronounced jo-EL) is a bachelor and resides in Norcross.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Tackles		Interceptions				Fumbles		
Year	Team	No.	Sacks	No.	Yds.	LG	TD	FF	FR	TD
1979	Atlanta	67	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1980	Atlanta	78	16	2	55	32	0	0	3	1
1981	Atlanta	21	3	1	25	25	0	0	2	1
1982	Atlanta	36	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1983	Philadelphia	105	2.5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
1984	Philadelphia	97	1.5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
1985	Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1986	Atlanta	87	0	2	18	14t	1	1	0	0
TOTALS		491	28.*	5	98	32	1	3	9	2

*Includes one safety

WILLIAMS' PERSONAL BESTS

TACKLES	SACKS	INT
12 Cards (12/14/86)	3 LA (10/26/80)	2 at NO (10/19/80)

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SW MISSOURI STATE
2nd YEAR
HT: 5-10 WT: 173
BORN: 9/30/64

KEITH WILLIAMS
Receiver/Running Back

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 16/0

HOW ACQUIRED: Draft, 1986, Round 6b (159th)

LAST SEASON: Referred to as "lightning in a bottle" after he was drafted, Keith struck a few bolts as a rookie and showed flashes of talent at both wide receiver and running back. He played in 12 games (missing Weeks 9-12 with a neck injury) and finished with 437 net yards (5th best on the team). In the preseason, Keith lit up the scoreboard on a 31-yard TD catch vs. Cleveland. Keith caught a pass in his first official NFL game (Saints opener), then had a TD nullified by a penalty in Week 3 at Dallas. He injured his neck in Week 8 vs. the Rams, but came back in Week 13 (Miami) with a strong finish. Against Miami he had a 30-yard catch to set up the winning touchdown. Then, the next week vs. the Colts, he did score his first NFL touchdown (32 yards). In Week 15 (Saints) he had six catches for 75 yards. Keith contributed to the special teams with 14 kickoffs for 255 yards (18.2) with a long return of 32 yards.

NOTEBOOK: Elusive, Keith had at least one TD run of over 60 yards in each of his final three years in college. His career kickoff return average was 31.1 yards, bolstered by a phenomenal 46.4 average as a senior (5 for 232).

COLLEGE: A do-it-all back at SW Missouri, Keith had career averages of 7.3 rushing, 19.1 coming out of the backfield as a receiver, and 31.1 returning kickoffs. He gained 2,694 yards rushing, caught 50 passes for 954 yards and returned 17 kicks for 528 yards for a combined total of 4,176 yards. His top rushing game was a 232-yard effort vs. Northeast Missouri. As a junior, he had three straight 100-yard games (137, 144, and 149) despite carrying the ball only 10, 11 and 11 times, respectively.

PERSONAL: A St. Louis native, Keith starred at Sumner High where as a senior his team was 9-0-2 at City Public School Champions. A deeply religious person, Keith and his wife, Mary, have one child and reside in Buford.

CAREER STATISTICS

		Receiving					Rushing				Returning			
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG
1986	Atlanta	12	164	13.7	32t	1	3	18	6.0	8	14	255	18.2	32

WILLIAMS' PERSONAL BESTS

RECEIVING			
No.	Yds.	LG	TD
6 NO (12/14/86)	75 NO (12/14/86)	32t Colts (12/7/86)	1 Colts (12/7/86)

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SOUTHERN ARKANSAS
2nd YEAR
HT: 5-10 WT: 183
BORN: 4/22/61

DENNIS WOODBERRY
CORNERBACK

GAMES PLAYED/STARTED: 7/0

HOW ACQUIRED: Supplemental Draft, 1984, Round 3 (63rd overall)

LAST SEASON: Dennis joined the Falcons on Aug. 13 following the USFL trial and was activated August 22nd. His short period in camp hindered his progress and he was released Sept. 1. On October 8, due to injuries, the Falcons re-signed him and he saw playing time in the final seven games. His biggest heroics of the year came in the Week 13 upset of Miami when he picked off not one, but two, of Dan Marino's passes, returning them 14 yards. For the season, Dennis had three defensive tackles and three special teams tackles.

PRO CAREER: A draftee of the Birmingham Stallions of the USFL, Dennis played in 35 games over the 1984 and 1985 campaigns. He tied for 5th in the League in '84 with seven interceptions and followed that with a five-interception season, giving him 12 for the two year career. He had actually re-signed with the Stallions on Oct. 8 last year as a "future" but was released from the contract to return to the Falcons.

COLLEGE: Dennis played for the Muleriders of Southern Arkansas in Magnolia, Arkansas.

PERSONAL: Born in Texarkana, Texas, Dennis Earl Woodberry played his high school ball at Texarkana High. Still a bachelor, Dennis moved across the border to Texarkana, Arkansas, where he lives in the offseason.

CAREER STATISTICS

			Interceptions			
Year	Team	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
1984	Birmingham	7	67	9.6	27	0
1985	Birmingham	5	64	12.8	22	0
1986	Atlanta	2	14	7.0	9	0
USFL TOTALS		12	131	10.9	27	0
NFL TOTALS		2	14	7.0	9	0

Pronunciation Guide

Casillas — KA see us
Croudip — KRU dip
Fralic — FRAIL ic
Haji-Sheikh — HA gee sheek
Kiewel — KEY well
Mraz — MUHRAZ
Provence — PRAHV ence
Rade — RAY dee
Schonert — SHOW nert
Taliaferro — TAL uh fairo
Whisenhunt — WIZZ in hunt

HOW THE FALCONS WERE BUILT

(53 players)

Year	No. Acq.	Drafted (24)	Free Agents (24)	Trades (5)
1978	1	T Mike Kenn (1st-13th)		
1979	1	RB William Andrews (3rd-79th)		
1980	1	LB Buddy Curry (2nd-36th)		
1981	3	CB Bobby Butler (1st-25th) G John Scully (4th-109th)	K Mick Luckhurst	
1982	3	RB Gerald Riggs (1st-9th) WR Stacey Bailey (3rd-63rd)	WR Billy Johnson	
1983	7	DT Mike Pitts (1st-6th) S James Britt (2nd-43rd) DE Andrew Provence (3rd-75th) T Brett Miller (4th-129th) WR Anthony Allen (6th-156th) LB John Rade (8th-215th)	TE Arthur Cox	
1984	6	DE Rick Bryan (1st-9th) S Scott Case (2nd-32nd) (Supplemental) WR Joey Jones (1st round) CB Dennis Woodberry (3rd round)	QB Dave Archer RB Cliff Austin	
1985	11	G Bill Fralic (1st-2nd) DE Mike Gann (2nd-45th) TE Ken Whisenhunt (12th-313th)	CB Wendell Cason DB David Croudip P Rick Donnelly T Glen Howe G Jeff Kiewell C Wayne Radloff RB Sylvester Stamps	WR Charlie Brown (from Redskins for R.C. Thielemann)
1986	20	DT Tony Casillas (1st-2nd) LB Tim Green (1st-17th) WR Floyd Dixon (6th-154th) RB Keith Williams (6th-159th)	LB Aaron Brown QB Scott Campbell LB Joe Costello G Jamie Dukes K Ali Haji-Sheikh DE Dennis Harrison G Billy Hinson WR Aubrey Matthews TE Ron Middleton S Robert Moore TE Dan Sharp CB Jimmy Turner	QB Turk Schonert (from Bengals for 3rd round pick) S Bret Clark (from Raiders for 4th round pick) LB Reggie Wilkes (from Eagles for 7th round pick) LB Joel Williams (from Eagles for 5th round pick)

Atlanta Falcons 1987 Veteran Roster

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BIRTH-DATE	NFL EXP	COLLEGE	HOW ACQ.	1986 GP/GS
85	Allen, Anthony	WR	5-11	182	6/29/59	3	Washington	D6 '85	5/2
31	Andrews, William	RB	6-0	220	12/25/55	7	Auburn	D3B '79	15/0
16	Archer, Dave	QB	6-2	208	2/15/62	4	Iowa State	FA '84	11/11
39	Austin Cliff	RB	6-1	213	3/2/60	5	Clemson	FA '84	15/1
82	Bailey, Stacey	WR	6-1	157	2/10/60	6	San Jose State	D3 '82	6/1
53w	Barnett, Doug	C	6-4	260	4/12/60	4	Azusa Pacific	FA '87	
26	Britt, James	CB	6-0	185	9/12/60	5	LSU	D2 '83	16/2
52	Brown, Aaron	LB	6-2	238	1/13/56	5	Ohio State	FA '86	16/0
89	Brown, Charlie	WR	5-10	184	10/29/58	6	South Carolina St.	T '85	16/15
77	Bryan, Rick	DE	6-4	265	3/20/62	4	Oklahoma	D1 '84	16/16
70	Burnette, Dave	T	6-6	285	3/24/61	1	U. Central Arkansas	FA '87	
23	Butler, Bobby	CB	5-11	175	5/28/59	7	Florida State	D1 '81	7/7
10	Campbell, Scott	QB	6-0	195	4/15/62	4	Purdue	FA '86	1/0
96r	Caravello, Joe	NT	6-3	270	6/6/63	1	Tulane	FA '87	
25	Case, Scott	CB	6-0	178	5/17/62	4	Oklahoma	D2a '84	16/15
75	Casillas, Tony	NT	6-3	280	10/26/63	2	Oklahoma	D1a '86	16/16
20	Cason, Wendell	CB	5-11	192	1/22/63	3	Oregon	FA '85	16/6
28	Clark, Bret	S	6-3	198	2/24/61	2	Nebraska	T '86	16/16
56	Costello, Joe	LB	6-3	244	6/1/60	2	Central CT State	FA '86	14/0
88	Cox, Arthur	TE	6-2	262	2/5/61	5	Texas Southern	FA '83	16/15
30	Croudip, David	CB	5-8	183	1/25/59	4	San Diego State	FA '85	15/7
50	Curry, Buddy	LB	6-4	228	6/4/58	8	North Carolina	D2 '80	16/16
86	Dixon, Floyd	WR	5-9	170	4/9/64	2	Stephen F. Austin	D6a '86	16/12
3	Donnelly, Rick	P	6-0	190	5/17/62	3	Wyoming	FA '85	16/0
73	Dukes, Jamie	G	6-1	278	6/14/64	2	Florida State	FA '86	14/4
79	Fralic, Bill	T/G	6-5	280	10/31/62	3	Pittsburgh	D1 '85	16/16
76	Gann, Mike	DE	6-5	275	10/19/63	3	Notre Dame	D2 '85	16/16
99r	Green, Tim	LB	6-2	245	12/16/63	2	Syracuse	D1b '86	11/1
6	Haji-Sheikh, Ali	PK	6-0	172	1/11/61	5	Michigan	FA '86	6/0
68	Harrison, Dennis	DE	6-8	280	7/31/56	10	Vanderbilt	WV '86	11/0
66	Hinson, Billy	G	6-1	278	1/8/63	2	Florida	FA '86	0/0
71	Howe, Glen	T	6-7	298	10/18/61	3	So. Mississippi	FA '85	7/3
81	Johnson, Billy	WR	5-9	172	1/27/52	13	Widener	FA '82	4/0
43	Jones, Daryll	DB	6-1	195	3/23/62	4	Georgia	FA '87	
84	Jones, Joey	WR	5-8	165	10/29/62	2	Alabama	SD '84	11/2
47	Kamana, John	TE/H	6-0	230	12/3/61	1	USC	FA '87	
78	Kenn, Mike	T	6-7	277	2/9/56	10	Michigan	D1 '78	16/16
63	Kiewel, Jeff	G	6-3	277	9/27/60	2	Arizona	FA '85	
18	Luckhurst, Mick	K	6-2	183	3/31/58	7	California	FA '81	10/0
83	Matthews, Aubrey	WR	5-7	165	9/15/62	2	Delta State	FA '86	4/0
96w	McDonald, James	TE	6-5	240	3/29/61	4	So. California	FA '87	
40	Meyers, Eddie	RB	5-9	210	1/7/59	1	Navy	FA '87	
87	Middleton, Ron	TE	6-2	252	7/17/65	2	Auburn	FA '86	16/3
62	Miller, Brett	T	6-7	300	10/2/58	5	Iowa	D5 '83	8/7
90r	Moor, Buddy	DT	6-5	250	12/1/58	1	Eastern Kentucky	FA '87	
34	Moore, Robert	S	5-11	190	8/15/64	2	Northwestern St.	FA '86	16/9
94r	Morris, Dwaine	DT	6-2	260	8/24/63	1	SE Louisiana	FA '87	
98r	Phillips, Ray	LB	6-3	245	7/24/64	1	North Carolina St.	FA '87	1/0
74	Pitts, Mike	DE	6-5	277	9/25/60	5	Alabama	D1 '83	16/0
72	Provence, Andrew	DE	6-3	267	3/8/61	5	South Carolina	D3 '83	16/0
97w	Quick, Greg	OT	6-4	280	4/26/64	1	Catawba	FA '87	

59	Rade, John	LB	6-1	240	8/31/60	5	Boise State	D8 '83	15/15
55	Radloff, Wayne	C/G	6-5	277	5/17/61	3	Georgia	FA '85	16/16
42	Riggs, Gerald	RB	6-1	232	11/6/60	6	Arizona State	D1 '82	16/15
14	Schonert, Turk	QB	6-1	196	1/15/57	8	Stanford	T '86	8/5
61	Scully, John	G	6-6	270	8/2/58	7	Notre Dame	D4 '81	14/14
80	Sharp, Dan	TE	6-2	235	2/5/62	1	Texas Christian	FA '86	
29	Stamps, Sylvester	RB	5-7	171	2/24/61	4	Jackson State	FA '85	14/0
21	Turner, Jimmy	CB	5-11	187	6/15/59	5	UCLA	WV '86	6/0
65	Upchurch, Andy	C	6-2	260	9/11/62	1	Arkansas	FA '87	
45	Whisenhunt, Ken	TE	6-3	240	2/28/62	3	Georgia Tech	D12 '85	16/14
51	Wilkes, Reggie	LB	6-4	242	5/27/56	10	Georgia Tech	T '86	16/16
54	Williams, Joel	LB	6-1	227	12/13/56	9	Wisconsin-La Crosse	T '86	15/14
35	Williams, Keith	WR/RB	5-10	173	9/30/64	2	SW Missouri	D6b '86	12/0
9	Willis, Steve	K	6-2	196	4/28/62	1	Kansas State	FA '87	
22	Woodberry, Dennis	CB	5-10	183	4/22/61	2	Southern Arkansas	SD '84	7/0

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BIRTH-DATE	COLLEGE	HOW ACQ.
38	Anthony, Terrence	CB	5-10	183	1/17/65	Iowa State	D9 '87
91w	Barney, Milton	WR	5-9	157	12/23/63	Alcorn State	FA '87
46	Cox, Jon	TE	6-3	234	12/12/63	Boise State	FA '87
93r	Dowdell, Steve	DE	6-4	239	6/28/64	Tennessee State	FA '87
24	Emery, Larry	RB	5-9	195	7/13/64	Wisconsin	D12 '87
48	Flowers, Kenny	RB	6-0	210	3/14/64	Clemson	D2 '87
7	Frank, Rick	P	6-0	205	10/15/64	Iowa State	FA '87
41	Gordon, Tim	CB	6-0	188	5/7/65	Tulsa	FA '87
32w	Griffin, Steve	RB	5-10	185	12/17/63	Clemson	FA '87
98w	Hood, Howard	OG	6-3	281	3/21/63	Ft. Hays State	FA '87
53	Jordan, Kenneth	LB	6-2	230	4/29/64	Tuskegee	FA '87
93w	Kiser, Paul	OG	6-2	272	11/19/63	Wake Forest	D6 '87
19	Lane, Fred	WR	5-8	157	2/27/65	Georgia	FA '87
12	Miller, Chris	QB	6-2	195	8/9/65	Oregon	D1 '87
69r	Mraz, Mark	DE	6-4	255	2/9/65	Utah State	D5 '87
37	Norris, Jerome	S	6-0	187	1/31/64	Furman	FA '87
69w	Pettey, Phil	G	6-3	260	4/17/62	Missouri	FA '87
91r	Porell, Tom	NT	6-3	258	9/23/64	Boston College	FA '87
27	Redd, John	RB	5-8	205	10/5/63	Missouri	FA '87
95w	Reese, Jerry	TE	6-2	230	8/17/63	Illinois	D10 '87
95r	Reid, Michael	LB	6-2	226	6/25/64	Wisconsin	D7 '87
33	Riley, Bobby	WR	5-8	168	10/17/64	Oklahoma State	FA '87
92w	Roulhac, Terrance	WR	5-9	208	8/9/65	Clemson	FA '87
44	Settle, John	RB	5-9	207	6/2/65	Appalachian	FA '87
4	Shafer, Donald	K	5-10	170	6/15/64	So. Calfornia	FA '87
32r	Shelley, Elbert	S	5-11	180	12/24/64	Arkansas State	D11 '87
99w	Shibest, James	WR	5-10	187	10/31/64	Arkansas	FA '87
92r	Taliaferro, Curtis	LB	6-2	226	11/24/62	Virginia Tech	D8 '87
94w	Tiefenthaler, Jeff	WR	6-1	181	6/6/63	So. Dakota State	FA '87
8	Tiffin, Van	K	5-9	155	9/6/65	Alabama	FA '87
49	Tuggle, Jessie	LB	5-11	225	2/14/65	Valdosta State	FA '87
67	Van Dyke, Ralph	OT	6-6	270	1/19/64	So. Illinois	D4 '87
90w	Walker, Bruce	WR	5-11	190	10/15/63	Prairie View	FA '87
97	Wallace, Calvin	DE	6-2	235	4/17/65	W. Virginia Tech	FA '87
58	Wiegand, Eric	C	6-2	260	3/13/64	Missouri	FA '87
36	Ziegler, Wayne	S	5-11	192	11/4/63	Kansas	FA '87

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OREGON
HT: 6-2 WT: 195
BORN: 8/9/65

CHRIS MILLER
QUARTERBACK

ROUND ACQUIRED: 1st (13th overall)

COLLEGE CAREER: Miller re-edited the Oregon record book, erasing 13 marks set by NFL QBs Dan Fouts and Bob Berry. He passed for 6,681 yards in his 36-game career (34 starts) and produced a 16-17-1 mark for Coach Rich Brooks. He became the first Pac-10 QB since Stanford's Jim Plunkett in 1969-70 to earn all-League honors in consecutive years. With 18 200-yard plus games, Miller had a top game of 376 yards (33-48) vs. USC and a 368-yard effort against San Diego State (4 TDs passing, 1 rushing). He accounted for 49 touchdowns (42 passing, 7 rushing) and 160 net yards rushing (sacks are included as rushes in college). His interception percentage (3.8) included just 39 in 1,015 attempts (1 every 26). He lost his top two receivers his junior year (Lew Barnes-Bears, Tony Cherry-49ers) to the NFL, but still improved his totals as a senior.

SENIOR: He ranked 12th in the NCAA in total offense (231.7 per game) as he set school season marks for yards passing (2,503), completions (216), completion percentage (60.7%), and total offense (2,549). Miller was selected the Most Valuable Player of the Hula Bowl with long plays of 55, 48, and 47 yards in win. He was also voted the outstanding North player in the annual Senior Bowl (3 TD passes) and had a TD pass in his team's 31-7 win in the Blue-Gray Classic.

NOTEBOOK: It was "Miller Time" throughout the country as his SID sent 1,500 digital clocks with his color picture promoting it was time to watch him as an all-American... While he took his lumps on the playing field (concussion as sophomore on hit by Reggie Rogers and injured elbow as senior vs. Nebraska), his worst injury was a broken hand in 1985 he got wrestling with his buddy at their apartment... As an eight-year old Chris made his first trip to Atlanta to compete in the punt, pass and kick competition. Although he didn't win that day, he made it to the Nationals in four of the next five years... He is the third Falcon QB from Oregon (Norm Van Brocklin and Bob Berry).

BASEBALL CAREER: A shortstop in baseball, Chris was originally drafted by the Toronto Blue Jays on June 6, 1983. He waited to sign and was later drafted by the Seattle Mariners (Round 5) on Jan. 9, 1985. His fractured hand kept him from playing for Bellingham of the Northwest League. The next year he was again assigned to Bellingham. After three games and a .556 batting average, he was moved up to Salinas in the California League. Not having played since his days of American Legion high school ball before Bellingham, his first at bat in Salinas was against a rehabilitating John Candelaria (strike out). He played 27 games that summer, batting just. 101, but fielding at .933.

BASEBALL STATISTICS

Year	Team	G	AB	R	H	Avg.	RBI	SB	SO	BB	2B	3B	PO	Ast	Err	Pct.
		Batting											Fielding			
1986	Bellingham	3	9	5	5	.556	1	0	1	2	0	1	5	5	1	.909
1986	Salinas	27	79	8	8	.101	3	3	30	8	2	1	38	74	8	.933
Career		30	88	13	13	.148	4	3	31	10	2	2	43	79	9	.931

PERSONAL: Christopher James is the only son of Jess and Jane Miller (there's an older sister) and was born in Pomona, California. The family moved to Eugene, Oregon, when Chris was a seven-year old. His dad, who owns a small printing business, started playing catch with Chris as a youngster and they're still very close, taking time to fish and golf when possible. While he played all sports growing up, basketball was his number one fancy, and he even quit football as a high school sophomore to concentrate on the roundball. Then as a junior, he took but 10 snaps before a leg injury put him out for the season. As a senior, though, he emerged to lead Sheldon High to an 8-1 mark and trip to the AAA playoffs with 1,617 yards and 12 TD passes. He was also a star for the Pepsi Challengers American Legion team with 10 HRs in 47 games as a shortstop. A bachelor, Chris now lives in Norcross, GA.

COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	Comp	Att	Yards	Pct.	TD	Int	LG	Avg.	No.	Net	Long	TD
	Passing								Rushing			
1986	216	356	2503	60.7	12	13	54	227.5	74	46	21	2
1985	182	329	2237	55.3	18	13	86	203.4	45	81	19	4
1984	145	289	1712	50.2	10	10	54	155.6	48	0	29	1
1983	17	41	227	41.5	2	3	42	5.7	13	33	24	0
Totals	560	1015	6681	55.1	42	39	86	185.6	180	160	29	7

(Chris also caught 2 passes for 24 yards and a touchdown.)

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CLEMSON
HT: 6-0 WT: 210
BORN: 3/14/64

KENNY FLOWERS
RUNNING BACK

ROUND ACQUIRED: 2nd (31st overall)
Falcons gave up 3rd pick to Green Bay to move up from 13th to 3rd in this round

COLLEGE CAREER: He departs Clemson as their all-time leading rusher (2,914 yards), more impressive when you consider he began his career in 1982 on a team that was the defending national champions and had seven backs that were to go on to the pro ranks. That depth chart included current Falcon RB Cliff Austin, Browns RB Kevin Mack, Jeff McCall (Raiders), Chuck McSwain (Cowboys, Raiders), Terrence Flagler (49ers #1 pick this year) and Steve Griffin (Falcons '87 free agent). He

started at both the tailback and fullback spots in his career, averaging 4.9 yards per carry and scoring 26 touchdowns, but was also praised for his blocking. As a junior, he set another Clemson mark with a 1,200 yard season and led the ACC with 13 TD's, despite actually starting just four games. That season included seven on his career 11 100-yard games. As a 187-pound freshman, Kenny ran for 557 yards, most ever by a freshman in Clemson history. His break-away speed enabled him to have seven runs of 45 or more yards, plus a 64-yard TD reception. Those runs included a 57-yarder vs. Georgia in 1986 and dashes of 52, 51, 50, 48, 47 and 46 yards.

SENIOR: While Clemson promoted Kenny with a color brochure that aptly noted: "At Clemson, Flowers Blooms in the Fall", his senior year was one frustration after another. He hurt his knee in the preseason, then sprained an ankle as the starting tailback and missed time. As Flagler emerged, Kenny went back to fullback, but reinjured his knee. As he kept fighting, he finally broke the school career rushing record, only to have it nullified by a penalty, and have to do it over again (Duke game). He finished with 595 yards and a 4.8 per carry average, plus five touchdowns.

TRACK CAREER: As a sophomore in 1984, Kenny won the Bud-Light Invitational by running a 6.28 60, nipping former Olympian Steve Riddick at the tape. He had run a 6.24 to finish second at the VMI Winter Relays in 1983. With the indoor track team in 1983-84, Kenny set school records in both the 55- and 60-yard runs. In high school, Kenny ran a 9.46 100 meters in the Golden South Invitational and a 6.24 in the 60. These numbers are impressive, too, considering his body weight is well above the norm for a sprinter.

NOTEBOOK: He has the speed and strength to play a number of football positions. His consistent 4.4 speed in the 40 blends with his power style (consistent 350-plus bench). He says he's always been an Atlanta Falcon fan and is delighted all his high school buddies, college buddies, and relatives will be able to root for him in the stands. A quiet, let-his-actions-do-the-talking type, his Mom always taught him "don't brag on yourself."

PERSONAL: Kenneth C. Flowers is one of six children of Mrs. Rosa Flowers (four boys, two girls) of Daytona Beach, Florida. He was a star of both sides of the ball in high school with 116 carries for 777 yards (6.7) and 13 TDs as a senior, plus six interceptions and 63 tackles as a safety. He was all-State in both football and track, earning seven letters at Spruce Creek High. He is just one course away from finishing his degree in Industrial Education. Kenny is still a bachelor.

COLLEGE STATISTICS

	Rushing					Receiving				
Year	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	No.	Yards	Avg	TD	Long
1982		Freshman redshirt								
1983	127	557	4.4	6	47	4	102	25.5	2	64
1984	113	562	5.0	2	51	5	46	9.2	0	11
1985	227	1200	5.3	13	52	5	26	5.2	0	12
1986	123	595	4.8	5	57	3	18	6.0	0	14
Total	590	2914	4.9	26	57	17	192	11.3	2	64

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS
HT: 6-6 WT: 270
BORN: 1/19/64

RALPH VAN DYKE
TACKLE

ROUND ACQUIRED: 4th (97nd overall)

COLLEGE CAREER: As a freshman, he took over the starting left tackle spot in the third game as the Salukis won the National Division I-AA Championship. A punishing, aggressive blocker, he had both the size (270 pounds) and the speed (4.8 40) to rank as one of the school's all-time greatest lineman. SIU's list of NFL linemen includes Lionel Antoine (ex-Bear), Tom Baugh (Bills) and Carl Mauck (ex-Oiler). He was a first-team All-Gateway Conference selection and consistently graded out in the 90's when the coaches did their weekly report. Coaches and scouts all used words like "intense," aggressive," and "determined" to describe the left tackle.

NOTEBOOK: Midway through his college career, Ralph took on a new personality trait. He chose the color black to identify with because "it's a violent color." He posted his own nicknames on his dorm (after thieves had broken in previously) like "Grim Reaper" and "Shadow of Death". He wore black wristbands, black glasses and then topped it all off by getting a pet 6-foot boa constrictor. "The snake is the symbol of death," he noted. Yes, the snake came to training camp with Ralph to keep him company. We don't know yet if he travels in Ralph's suitcase to road games, but we aren't going to be the ones to check.

PERSONAL: Ralph W. Van Dyke, III, is the youngest of Ralph and Mattie Lou's four children. Born in Chicago Heights, Ill, Ralph won four letters in football, four letters in basketball and two more with the track team at Bloom High.

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UTAH STATE
HT: 6-4 WT: 255
BORN: 2/9/65

MARK MRAZ
DEFENSIVE END

ROUND ACQUIRED: 5th round (125th overall)

COLLEGE CAREER: Noted for his pass rushing abilities, Mark rang up 33 sacks and 10 more tackles of running backs behind the line of scrimmage. He really emerged as a junior with 16 sacks, then followed that with a 13-sack senior campaign. He also batted down 12 passes, made 180 total tackles, forced two fumbles and recovered a fumble for the Aggies of Utah State. He was a first-team All-Pacific Coast Athletic Association choice as a senior, moving up from second team as a junior when he led the conference in QB sacks. Early in his college career, he played defensive tackle and nose guard before moving outside to his end position.

NOTEBOOK: Mark made his final collegiate game a memorable one. Against Fresno State, he made seven tackles, had three QB sacks and deflected two passes.

He had started his collegiate career as a back-up right defensive tackle to Mike Hamby (Buffalo Bills). Utah State is the alma mater of the Olsen brothers, with Merlin still announcing games for NBC-TV.

PERSONAL: Mark David was born in Glendale, California, to Robert and Ginny Mraz. He has an older sister and a younger brother. Mike, who is a 16-year old football player at Glendora High. Mark's dad is vice-president of East Pasadena Water Company. At Glendora, Mark was all-CIF as a senior on a 8-3 squad and also participated in wrestling and track. A bachelor, Mark majored in psychology in college.

COLLEGE STATISTICS

		Tackles			Sacks	Defl.	Fumbles	
Year	Total	Solo	Asst.	Loss	No.	No.	FF	FR
1983	10	4	6	0-0	0	2	0	0
1984	60	35	25	6-14	4	3	1	0
1985	61	38	23	21-83	16*	2	1	1
1986	49	21	18	16-79	13	5	0	0
Total	180	98	81	43-182	33	12	2	1

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WAKE FOREST
HT: 6-3 WT: 272
BORN: 11/19/63

PAUL KISER
GUARD

ROUND ACQUIRED: 6th (153rd overall)

COLLEGE CAREER: A finalist for the Outland Trophy, Paul was a first-team all-American by The Football Writers Association and The Sporting News. Paul was also honored with the Jacobs Blocking Trophy, awarded in a vote by the ACC Coaches, to the League's top blocker. A team leader, he played a big role on a team that set eight school records and led the ACC in scoring (29.5 ppg) last year. Paul had an enviable streak of his last 26 consecutive college games of not allowing a QB sack (dating back to his 1984 sophomore year.) His strength included a 450-pound plus bench and a 850-pound plus leg press. From his left guard slot, over 75% of Wake Forest's running plays as a senior came that direction.

NOTEBOOK: His college coaches started keeping track of his "knock downs" when he took the opposition off their feet. That total grew from 45 as a sophomore to 58 as a junior and up to 65 as a senior, totalling 168 over his three years as the starter. His favorite NFL linemen were John Hannah and Bill Ard. He liked Hannah "because he's so good" and Ard "because he's from Wake Forest and he was a left guard, too." Paul's college coach, Al Groh, accepted an assistant coaching job with the Falcons this year.

PERSONAL: Born in Valdese, N.C., Paul David is the only son of Paul (a truck driver) and Norma Kiser. Paul has an older sister to keep him in line, though. He graduated from East Burke High in Icard, N.C. and the family still lives in Connelly Springs. Paul lettered in football, basketball and track, earning a berth in the East-West and Shrine Bowl all-star games. Still a bachelor, Paul majored in sociology in college and enjoys fishing as his favorite hobby.

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WISCONSIN
HT: 6-2 WT: 226
BORN: 6/25/64

MICHAEL REID
LINEBACKER

ROUND ACQUIRED: 7th (181st overall)

COLLEGE CAREER: As the defensive signal caller for the Badgers, Michael led by example as a senior with a team-best 156 total tackles, including a school record best 102 solo stops. He was honored with the Jimmy Demetral Most Valuable Player Trophy and the Ivan Williamson Scholarship/Sportsmanship Award at Wisconsin. Michael was a first team All-Big 10 pick (AP) and an honorable mention All-American. After a year as a redshirt, Michael capped off his first year ('83) with a 34-yard interception. As a sophomore, he was challenging for the Big 10 tackle lead before a broken hand in practice before the Ohio State game sidelined him through the end of the season. He had a pair of 17-tackle games as he had accumulated 79 tackles to that point. His junior season saw him suffer both hand and knee injuries, but he rebounded to even start three games as an outside linebacker. He put his name into the Badger record book with three fumble recoveries vs. Ohio State. Then as a senior, he ranked second in the Big 10 with his 156 tackles, causing two fumbles, making a sack, and stealing a pass. He had top games of 22 tackles vs. Michigan, 20 vs. Minnesota and 18 tackles vs. Indiana. He also had five tackles for 21 yards in losses to up his career total to 11 for minus 39 yards.

NOTEBOOK: Mike carried a 2.75 grade average as he majored in Computer Science at Wisconsin. Because of his junior injury, he was named as the "Comeback Player of the Year" by the Poor Man's Guide to the NFL Draft. Mike will now have a chance to watch his "favorite athlete" perform as Dominique Wilkins plays for the hometown Hawks.

PERSONAL: The Albany, Georgia, native won six letters playing at Dougherty High. Michael was an end on the football team, a sprinter on the track team, and a guard on the basketball team (that were state runner-ups his sophomore year). He was an all-Region tight end in 1981 and the recipient of eight Great Albany outstanding Offensive Player Awards. A bachelor, Michael lists his hobbies as music and making rugs.

COLLEGE STATISTICS

		Tackles			Interceptions			Fumbles	
Year	Total	Solo	Assist	Sack	No.	Yards	Defl.	FF	FR
1983	57	33	24	1	1	34	1	0	0
1984	79	47	32	0	1	3	4	0	1
1985	25	16	9	0	0	0	1	0	3
1986	156	102	54	1	1	0	3	2	0
TOTALS	317	198	119	2	3	37	9	2	4

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VIRGINIA TECH
HT: 6-2 WT: 226
BORN: 11/24/62

CURTIS TALIAFERRO
LINEBACKER

ROUND ACQUIRED: 8th (208th overall)

COLLEGE CAREER: He blossomed into a team leader on the 9-2-1 Hokie squad last fall, making 75 tackles, while topping the team in fumble recoveries (4) and tackles for losses (5). In addition, he had three QB sacks, a pass interception and two forced fumbles. Curtis had opened the season with a blocked punt in the Cincinnati game. He had transferred to Virginia Tech from Ferrum College and red-shirted on an '84 Tech team that featured Outland Trophy winner Bruce Smith (Bills) and Jessie Penn (Cowboys). When he got a chance to play his junior year, an ankle injury slowed his progress. Curtis had earned all-conference recognition as a linebacker for two years at Ferrum, and even did some punting there as well. He was a first-team All-South Independent selection last year for Virginia Tech.

NOTEBOOK: Curtis' last college game was played at Atlanta's Fulton-County Stadium (Dec. 31-Peach Bowl win) and now his first pro game (Aug. 15-Buffalo & Bruce Smith) will be at that same Stadium. He measured one of the team's best vertical jumps (38") this spring and has been clocked at 4.65 in the 40.

PERSONAL: Curtis Wayne was born in Fayetteville, N.C., to Curtis (a financial officer) and Frances, but grew up in Salem, Va. His younger brother, David, is an engineer with Texas Instruments. At Salem High, Curtis was mainly a basketball star, leading his District in scoring as Athlete of the Year. He played all three years of basketball, but just one of football (RB and LB), earning all-District honors in that senior season. A bachelor, Curtis majored in Sports Management.

COLLEGE STATISTICS

		Tackles				Interceptions		Fumbles	
Year	Total	Solo	Assist	Loss	Sack	No.	Defl.	FF	FR
1985	22	13	9	3-15	1-8	0	3	2	1
1986	75	42	33	5-9	3-25	1	3	2	4
TOTALS	97	55	42	8-24	4-33	1	6	4	5

Double Trouble

Three times in club history, the Falcons have had both a 1,000-yard runner and a 1,000-yard receiver. That happened in 1979 (William Andrews, 1,023 — Wallace Francis, 1,013), in 1980 (Andrews, 1,308 — Alfred Jenkins, 1,025) and again in 1984 (Gerald Riggs, 1,486 — Stacey Bailey, 1,138).

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IOWA STATE
HT: 5-10 WT: 183
BORN: 1/17/65

TERRENCE ANTHONY
CORNERBACK

ROUND ACQUIRED: 9th (237th overall)

COLLEGE CAREER: A three-year letterman, Terrence helped the Cyclones post their first winning record since 1980 as they went 6-5 last year. And, all five losses were to Bowl-bound teams. He led Iowa State with a pair of interceptions (five for his career). Terrence returned those interceptions 73 yards with a 29-yard TD return as a junior. He also had 26 passes broken up and five tackles for losses for the Cyclones. In addition, he accumulated 111 total tackles, earning all-Conference recognition as both a junior (honorable mention) and senior (second team)

PERSONAL: Terrence Everett was born in East St. Louis, where he produced quite an impressive high school sports ledger. In football, Terrence led his Assumption High team to a State Title as the quarterback and defensive back. As a passer, he hit for 485 yards and two TDs, and as a runner, he ran 97 times for 325 more yards and 10 TDs. On defense, he had 39 tackles (33 solo), intercepted seven passes and recovered three fumbles. His senior season also included 17 returns (punt, kickoffs, and interceptions) for 439 more yards and two more TD's. That's what you call a team most valuable player! He also took time to average 13.2 points for the basketball team and play outfielder for the school baseball squad. His 4.5 speed indicates he could have been a star for the track team, as well. Terrence is a bachelor.

COLLEGE STATISTICS

	Tackles			Interceptions				Fumbles	
Year	Total	Solo	Assist	No.	Yards	LG	Defl.	FF	FR
1984	25	11	14	0	0	0	3	0	0
1985	45	33	12	3	38	29t	13	0	0
1986	41	29	12	2	35	32	10	2	2
Total	111	73	38	5	73	32	26	2	2

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ILLINOIS
HT: 6-2 WT: 230
BORN: 8/17/63

JERRY REESE
TIGHT END

ROUND ACQUIRED: 10th (264th overall)

COLLEGE CAREER: His 4.6 speed turned into an asset for him at two different programs. First, he earned All-American honors, as well as All-Conference and All-

State notice, as a tight end at Sacramento City College. Then, he transferred to the University of Illinois, where he finished sixth in the Big 10 Conference in receiving last year with 37 catches for 468 yards (12.3 avg.) and three touchdowns. His junior year at Illinois he grabbed 16 passes, then was red-shirted as a result of an ankle injury in 1985. But he certainly came back in strong fashion as he made his presence in jersey number six stand out even more.

PERSONAL: Jerry Anthony Reese was born to Fennie (now a retired Air Force veteran) and Marion Reese in Duluth, Minnesota. Jerry has a brother, Greg, and a sister, Tonya. He went to Casa Roble High in Orangevale, California, where he earned nine varsity letters, including three in football. Playing on the defensive line, he once had 22 tackles in a game. Bachelor Jerry considers hurdler Edwin Moses as "the best athlete in the world".

COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	Catches	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
1984	16	130	8.1	19	1
1985			Redshirted-Injury		
1986	37	468	12.6	35	3
Total	53	598	11.3	35	4

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ARKANSAS STATE
HT: 5-11 WT: 180
BORN: 12/24/64

ELBERT SHELLEY
SAFETY

ROUND ACQUIRED: 11th (292nd overall)

COLLEGE CAREER: As the strong safety for the Division I-AA power Indians of Arkansas State, Shelley stole six passes for 75 yards and made 103 tackles in his two seasons in the defensive backfield. He had started his college career in the offensive backfield, but carried just eight times for 62 yards (runs of 30 and 24) with a touchdown his first two years before being moved to the other side of the line. The hard-hitter forced four fumbles and recovered three fumbles with nine pass deflections. In the spring workouts for the Falcons, he proved his athletic ability with rankings among the leaders in vertical jump (38"), 40 (4.5) and body fat (5.7%).

PERSONAL: Elbert Vernell was the 10th of 11 children of Herbert and Clytee Shelley and was born in Tyronza, Arkansas, on Christmas Eve. The State's Outstanding 2AAA running back as a senior, he ran for over 100 yards in all 10 games (1,687 total), leading team to a 9-3 mark. Over the 20 games of his final two years, he topped 100 in 16 of them and scored 21 touchdowns. He was also an all-conference performer in basketball and track. He and his wife, De'Lisa, live in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Year	Tackles Total	Tackles Sacks	Interceptions No.	Interceptions Yards	Interceptions Long	Defl.	Fumbles FF	Fumbles FR
1985	38	1-17	4	49	24	5	2	1
1986	65	1-10	2	26	24	4	2	2
Total	103	2-27	6	75	24	9	4	3

Career Rushing Totals: 8 for 62, long 30, 1 touchdown

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WISCONSIN
HT: 5-9 WT: 195
BORN: 7/13/64

LARRY EMERY
RUNNING BACK

ROUND ACQUIRED: 12th (320th overall)

COLLEGE CAREER: The "Emery Board" was used to keep track of the two-time Wisconsin Most Valuable Player's rushing deeds. Larry didn't disappoint as he finished with 2,979 yards rushing, the third highest total in school history behind Bill Marek and Alan Ameche, and a total of 3,281 combined yards. He averaged 5.1 yards rushing for his career, scored 19 touchdowns, and caught 45 passes. Emery also churned out 15 100-yard games with highs of 188 vs Indiana, 185 vs Michigan and 174 vs Northwestern. His senior year, a hamstring injury slowed him (still led team with 855 yards) in his quest for a repeat 1,000-yard season (1,113 as a junior). Larry was redshirted in 1982, then took his rushing total to 336 (second on team) as a freshman, up to 675 as a sophomore in just seven games before torn ligaments in his right knee put an end to his legitimate shot at 1,000 and he sat out the final five games. He was a second-team All-Big 10 pick and an honorable mention All-American.

NOTEBOOK: Larry credited karate lessons he took in 1985 for improving his flexibility and agility. He shares his favorite football player with a long list of others who admire the incomparable Walter Payton.

PERSONAL: Larry G. Emery Jr. was born to Larry and Frances in Macon, GA. Dad, who went to Fort Valley State, works for Southern Railway. At Northeast High in Macon, he starred in football and track and kept good grades to earn National Honor Society membership. He was a member of the '80 City Championship team and had a top game of 331 yards rushing vs. crosstown rival Southwest. He ran for 2,519 yards and set a school record with 24 touchdowns. Larry was also selected into the National Honor Society. He's still a bachelor.

COLLEGE STATISTICS

Year	Rushing No.	Rushing Yards	Rushing Avg.	Rushing Long	Rushing TD	Receiving No.	Receiving Yds	Receiving Avg.	Receiving LG	Receiving TD
1982	Redshirt									
1983	56	336	6.0	19	2	12	120	10.0	45	0
1984	109	675	6.2	52	5	6	50	8.3	24	0
1985	224	1113	5.0	48	8	16	76	4.8	9	0
1986	193	855	4.4	41	4	11	56	5.1	15	0
Total	582	2979	5.1	52	19	45	302	6.7	45	0

1987 Free Agents

OFFENSIVE LINE—Big 6-6, 285 pound tackle **Dave Burnette** was a 12th round draft pick of the Indianapolis Colts in 1985. A two-year starter for Central Arkansas, Burnette came to the Falcons last summer, August 19. He spent the year on "Reserve-Non-football Injury" rehabilitating. **Billy Hinson** was a fifth round selection of the Broncos in the '85 draft and was signed to a free agent contract Nov. '86 after injuries to the Falcons line. The 6-1, 278 pounder was a senior starter for Florida and was named offensive player of the week by USA Today (along with the rest of the Gator line) after their work against Auburn... **Andy Upchurch** was a second team All-SWC center for Arkansas who competed in the Hula Bowl and was a three-year starter. Upchurch was waived during last year's training camp and re-signed after the season... Azuza Pacific product **Doug Barnett** is a four-year NFL veteran having spent stopovers with the Rams, ('82-'84), Redskins ('85) and Seahawks. A competent long snapper, the 6-4, 270 pounder filled that role for the Rams for two seasons (one J.R.) and for the 'Skins for a brief time... First team all-NAIA District 10 guard Howard Hood anchored the line for Ft. Hays St. in Kansas after transferring from Louisville... At 6-3, 260 pounds, **Phil Pettey** teamed with John Clay (D1 Raiders '87) as co-captains of the 1987 Missouri squad. A second team All-Big 8 member, Pettey played in the annual Blue-Gray game in Mobile, Alabama... **Eric Wiegand** is a 6-2, 260 pound center who was a first team All-MIAA selection for four years at Missouri-Rolla...

WIDE RECEIVERS—**Milton Barney** closed out his college career at Alcorn State as the school's all-time reception leader with 127 to go along with his record 2027 yards. Barney, a sleek 5-9, 183 pounder, set an Orange Bowl Classic mark by grabbing 12 passes for 159 yards (and two TD's) and was the MVP of the Freedom Bowl Classic as well. He was sixth in the nation in receiving in Division I-AA his senior season (63-953) and the first team All-SWAC performer also found time to return punts (62-484) and kickoffs (25-488) during his college days... "Fast" **Freddy Lane** is from nearby Georgia and put numbers such as 36 catches for 555 yards and 40 punt returns for 357 yards on the Bulldog board... Despite being sidelined with a broken collarbone, **Bobby Riley** managed 17 receptions for 339 yards and returned 15 kickoffs for 346 yards (23.1 avg) for the Cowboys of Oklahoma State last season. The 5-8, 168 pound Riley finished his career in Stillwater, OK as one of its best all-purpose players (79 catches for 948 yards), (98 combined returns for 1097 yards)... Clemson grad **Terrence Roulhac** was a team mate of No. 2 draft pick Kenny Flowers where he collected 92 aerials for 1487 yards and 16 TD's. With those figures, Roulhac ended up in the school's top five in those three categories plus crossed the goal line more times than NFLers Dwight Clark, Bennie Cunningham and Jerry Butler... **James Shibest** hails from Arkansas where he left his name in the Razorback record book as the school's all-time leader in receptions with 97 and yardage with 1920. Against SMU for the conference championship on ESPN, Shibest responded by snatching 13 passes for 199 yards and two touchdowns... An NCAA record setter, **Jeff Tiefenthaler** established a collegiate mark by catching at least one TD pass in 14 straight games for South Dakota State. The lanky 6-1, 181 pounder snared 73 passes for 1534 yards during his career with 11 TD's... Praire View's **Bruce Walker** caught 39 passes for 711 yards and scored five touchdown's last season for the Panthers...

PUNTERS and KICKERS—Specialist **Rick Frank** posted a 42.2 punting average

for Iowa State last year and hit 11-17 FG's and 30-32 PAT's earning second team all-Big 8 honors. Frank set a national JUCO record for most FG's in a season with 22 while at Fullerton College and has boomed 69, 68 and 67 yard punts during his Cyclone career... **Donald Shafer** showed his strength as a placekicker when he nailed a 60-yard field goal against Notre Dame last season. A 5-10, 170 pounder from USC, Shafer hit 28-43 FG's and 45-55 PAT's as a Trojan and gets coaching tips from his father, who is the defensive secondary coach of the Rams... Alabama's **Van Tiffin** was one of the SEC's most consistent kickers ever connecting on a school record 135 straight PAT's and 59-88 FG's for 312 lifetime points... **Steve Willis** spent a stint in the Redskins camp last season and hails from Kansas State...

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN—Nose tackle **Joe Caravello** was in camp briefly a year ago and signed as a free agent this February. The 6-1, 270 pounder is a product of Tulane... **Dwaine Morris** was with the Eagles camp in '85 and is a former tackle at SE Louisiana... Tennessee State's **Steve Dowdell** made 56 tackles and recorded eight sacks from his defensive end position last year and even had one interception... Valdosta, Ga. native **Buddy Moor** is the owner of two championship rings by virtue of his time with the USFL's Stars and he also was in the Eagles camp in '81... At 6-3, 258 pounds, **Tom Porell** compiled 86 solo and 132 total tackles the last two years as Boston College's starting nose tackle and chipped in with seven sacks... Defensive end **Calvin Wallace** averaged a sack per game as a collegian and 35 total in his career at West Virginia Tech. The 6-2, 235 pound Wallace recorded 251 tackles with 24 coming behind the line of scrimmage and even ran back an interception 83 yards for a score...

LINEBACKERS—**Kenneth Jordan** is a 6-2, 230 pound product of Tuskegee (AL.) where he logged 134 tackles (14.9 per contest) and had three sacks for the Golden Tigers last season... Nearby native **Jessie Tuggle** hails from Valdosta State College (Valdosta, Ga.) where he was voted conference Defensive Player of the Year. He accounted for 340 tackles in his career as a four-year starter... The Denver Broncos chose **Ray Phillips** on the seventh round of the '86 draft but cut him before the season. He was claimed by the Falcons, waived and re-signed on two different occasions last year...

DEFENSIVE BACKS—Originally a seventh round draft choice of the Packers in 1984, **Darryl Jones** was a back-up safety and special teams leader in Green Bay before he was felled by injuries. Jones, who also played quarterback at Georgia, was waived by the Packers after spending most of the '85 season on Injured Reserve. The 6-1, 195 pounder had tryouts with the Saints and Bills before landing in Atlanta. This versatile athlete was a member of the winningest football class in school history (44-4-2) as a Bulldog and was a standout baseball player who was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates... **Tim Gordon** was a three-starter for Tulsa making 146 tackles during that period. The 6-0, 188 pound cornerback also returned punts as a freshman (15.5 avg.) finishing second in the nation that year... Furman's **Jerome Norris** picked off 13 passes from his safety position during his career but was injured most of his senior campaign when he managed 28 tackles... Second team All-Big 8 selection and AP honorable mention All-America **Wayne Ziegler** recorded 100 tackles and made three interceptions in his senior season on his way to being named Kansas' outstanding Defensive Player of Year...

RUNNING BACKS—Power back **John Settle** broke 31 school records at Appalachian State and 19 Southern Conference marks before his career was over.

The 5-9, 207 pound dynamo ran for 4645 yards on 928 carries for a 5.0 average and 44 touchdowns in four seasons in the foothills of Boone, NC. His best year came last fall when he rambled for 1897 yards in 12 games, crossing the goal line 21 times. Settle also was a solid pass receiver making 78 receptions for 536 yards. He collected 22 100-yard rushing days for his 44-game career and had four games over 200 yards in ending up as the third best rusher in NCAA I-AA history behind NFL players Frank Hawkins and Cedric Minter... **John Redd** was four-year lettermen for the Tigers of Missouri. The compact 5-8, 205 pound runner scampered for 1200 yards for the Big 8 school and enjoyed his best game against rival Colorado when he raced for 163 yards on only 19 carries... **Steve Griffin** competed for playing time in the talented Clemson backfield with the likes of Kenny Flowers (D2 Falcons '87) and Terrence Flagler (D1 S.F. '87). He played some time in the defensive secondary for the Tigers in 1985. Griffin's finest game was against Duke in the '84 season when he ran for 85 yards on just five carries including a 60-yard TD jaunt, which was the longest by a Tiger in the previous three years...

TIGHT ENDS—**Jon Cox** is a 6-3, 234 pounder from Boise State who ranked third among Bronco receivers for total yardage in 1985 and was known for his blocking ability... **John Kamana** was signed as a free agent by the Rams in '84 and is a 6-0, 230 pounder out of USC... Fellow Trojan grad **James McDonald** is a converted basketball player who spent three years with the Rams making 10 catches for 137 yards... A former eighth round draft pick of the Dolphins, **Dan Sharp** was waived late in '85 camp. After a tryout with the Bills, the 6-2, 235 pounder signed with the Falcons prior to the '86 draft. The ex-TCU performer injured his shoulder late in training camp last year and was placed on IR for the rest of the season...

Running For The Children

Last year, the Falcons organization and several players united to help physically and mentally handicapped children under age five. Club President, Rankin M. Smith Jr., helped officially kick off the program in Savannah, then selected this charity to receive the proceeds from the annual kickoff luncheon, and then recognized the program at games to increase the visibility. William Andrews, Dave Archer and Floyd Dixon contributed time and set monetary goals based on yards, touchdowns, and the like.

The results of this year have resulted in national recognition (U.S. Office of HHS — Office of Human Development Services) when the Falcons received one of just four private sector Initiative Awards. Dave Archer (above) accepted the prestigious award from Dr. Jean K. Elder in Washington, D.C. in April.

William Andrews (below), who started the original campaign, has now taken the program to two other cities by challenging New Orleans Saints RB Hokie Gajan and Washington Redskins RB George Rogers to "Run for the Children."

Falcons Honor Roll (1966-1986)

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Absher, Dick (LB), Maryland 1967-68
Acks, Ron (LB), Illinois 1968-71
Adams, Bob (TE), Pacific 1976
Adams, Brent (T), UT at C'nooga 1975-78
Allen, Anthony (WR), Washington 1985-86
Allen, Grady (LB), Texas A&M 1969-72
Anderson, Anthony (RB), Temple 1980
Anderson, Taz (TE), Georgia Tech 1966-67
Andrews, William (RB), Auburn 1979-83, 86
Archer, Dave (QB), Iowa St. 1984-86
Auer, Joe (RB), Georgia Tech 1968
Austin, Cliff (RB), Clemson 1984-86

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Bailey, Jim (DT), Kansas 1976-78
Bailey, Larry (DT), Pacific 1974
Bailey, Stacey (WR), Stanford 1982-86
Baker, Tony (RB), East Carolina 1986
Barnes, Gary (WR), Clemson 1966-67
Bartkowski, Steve (QB), California 1975-85
Bean, Bubba (RB), Texas A&M 1976-80
Bebout, Nick (T), Wyoming 1973-75
Bell, Bill (PK), Kansas 1971-72
Belton, Willie (RB), Maryland St. 1971-72
Benish, Dan (DT), Clemson 1983-86
Benson, Cliff (TE), Purdue 1984-85
Benson, Duane (LB), Hamline 1972-73
Benson, Thomas (LB), Oklahoma 1984-85
Berry, Bob (QB), Oregon 1968-72
Bleick, Tom (S), Georgia Tech 1967
Bosley, Bruce (G), W. Virginia 1969
Bowling, Andy (LB), Virginia Tech 1967
Bramlett, John (LB), Memphis St. 1971
Breitenstein, Bob (G-T), Tulsa 1969-70
Brett, Walt (G), Montana 1976
Brezina, Greg (LB), Houston 1968-69, 71-79
Britt, James (DB), LSU 1983-86
Brooks, Jonathan (LB), Clemson 1980
Brown, Aaron (LB), Ohio State 1986
Brown, Charlie (WR), S.C. State 1985-86
Brown, Clay (TE), Brigham Young 1982
Brown, Ray (S), W. Texas State 1971-78
Brown, Reggie (RB), Oregon 1982
Brunson, Mike (WR-RB), Arizona St. 1970
Bryan, Rick (DT), Oklahoma 1984-86
Bryant, Charles (RB), Allen 1969
Bryant, Warren (T), Kentucky 1978-83
Burke, Vern (WR), Oregon St. 1966
Burley, Gary (DT), Pittsburgh 1984
Burrow, Ken (WR), San Diego St. 1971-75
Burson, Jimmy (CB-S), Auburn 1968
Butler, Bobby (CB), FSU 1981-86
Butler, Jim (RB), Edward Waters 1968-71
Byas, Rick (DB), Wayne St. 1974-80

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Cabral, Brian (LB), Colorado 1979
Cahill, Dave (DT), Northern Arizona 1969
Cain, Lynn (RB), USC 1979-84
Calland, Lee (CB), Louisville 1966-68
Campbell, Scott (QB), Purdue 1986
Campbell, Sonny (RB), North Arizona 1970-71
Case, Scott (DB), Oklahoma 1984-86
Cash, Rick (DE), N.E. Missouri 1968
Casillas, Tony (DT), Oklahoma 1986
Cason, Wendell (DB), Oregon 1986
Cavness, Gradv (CB), Texas-El Paso 1970
Cerne, Joe (C) Northwestern 1968
Chapman, Mike (G), Texas 1984
Childs, Henry (TE), Kansas St. 1974
Chesson, Wes (WR), Duke 1971-73
Claridge, Dennis (QB), Nebraska 1966
Clark, Bret (S), Nebraska 1986
Coffey, Junior (RB), Washington 1966-67, 69
Cogdill, Gail (WR), Washington St. 1969-70
Coia, Angelo (WR), USC 1966
Collins, Sonny (RB), Kentucky 1976
Condren, Glen (DT), Oklahoma 1969-72
Cook, Ed (G), Notre Dame 1966-67
Cope, Jim (LB), Ohio 1976
Cordill, Olie (WR), Memphis St. 1968
Correal, Chuck (C), Penn St. 1979-80
Costello, Joe (LB), Central Connecticut 1986
Cotrell, Ted (LB), Delaware Valley 1969-70
Cox, Arthur (TE), Tex. Southern 1983-86
Croudip, David (DB), San Diego State 1985-86
Crowe, Larry (DB), Tex. Southern 1975
Curran, Willie (WR), UCLA 1982-84
Curry, Buddy (LB), North Carolina 1980-86

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Dabney, Carlton (DT), Morgan St. 1968
Davis, Brad (RB), LSU 1975
Davis, Paul (LB), North Carolina 1981-82
Daykin, Tony (LB), Georgia Tech 1979-81
Dixon, Floyd (WR), Stephen F. Austin 1986
Dixon, Rich (LB), California 1983
Dodd, Al (WR), N.W. Louisiana St. 1973-74
Donnelly, Rick (P), Wyoming 1985-86
Donohoe, Mike (TE),
San Francisco 1968, 1970-71
Dufour, Dan (C-G), UCLA 1983-84
Duich, Steve (G), San Diego St. 1968
Dukes, Jamie (G), Florida State 1986
Dunaway, Dave (WR), Duke 1968
Dunn, Perry Lee (RB), Mississippi 1966-68

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East, Ron (DT), Montana St. 1976
Easterling, Ray (S), Richmond 1972-79
Eber, Rick (WR), Tulsa 1968
Eley, Monroe (RB), Arizona St. 1975-78
Ellis, Clarence (CB), Notre Dame 1972-74
Enderle, Dick (G), Minnesota 1969-71
Esposito, Mike (RB), Boston College 1976-79
Etter, Bob (K), Georgia 1968-69

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Farmer, Karl (WR), Pittsburgh 1976-77
Faumuina, Wilson (DT), San Jose St. 1977-81
Ferguson, Jim (C), USC 1969
Fields, Edgar (DT), Texas A&M 1977-80
Fitzgerald, Mike (CB-S), Iowa State 1967
Flatley, Paul (WR), Northwestern 1968-69
Fortner, Larry (WB), Miami-Ohio 1980
Fralic, Bill (G-T), Pittsburgh 1985-86
Francis, Wallace (WR),
Arkansas AM&N 1975-81
Franklin, George (RB), Texas A&I 1978
Freeman, Mike (CB-S), Fresno St. 1968-70
Fritsch, Ted (C), St. Norbert 1972-75
Frye, David (LB), Purdue 1983-85

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Gaison, Blane (S), Hawaii 1981-84
Gallagher, Frank (G), N. Carolina 1973
Gann, Mike (DE), Notre Dame 1985-86
GiaGarcia, Jim (DE), Purdue 1968
George, Steve (DT), Houston 1976
Geredine, Thomas (WR),
NE Missouri St. 1973-74
Germany, Willie (S), Morgan St. 1972
Giacomarro, Ralph (P), Penn State 1983-85
Gilbert, Lewis (TE), Florida 1978-79
Gilliam, John (WR), South Carolina St. 1976
Gipson, Paul (RB), Houston 1969-70
Glass, Glenn (WR), Tennessee 1966
Glazebrook, Bob (DB), Fresno St. 1978-83
Goff, Willard (DT), W. Texas St. 1985
Gotshalk, Len (T), Humboldt St. 1972-76
Goodwin, Doug (RB), Maryland St. 1968
Green, Tim (LB), Syracuse 1986
Greene, Tiger (DB), Western Carolina 1985
Grimm, Dan (G-C), Colorado 1966-68

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Haji-Sheikh, Ali (K), Michigan 1986
Halverson, Dena (LB), Washington 1970
Hampton, Dave (RB), Wyoming 1972-75
Hansen, Don (LB), Illinois 1969-75
Harmon, Tom (G), Gus. Adolphus 1967
Harper, John (LB), So. Illinois 1983
Harris, Bill (RB), Colorado 1968
Harris, Roy (DT), Florida 1984-85
Harrison, Dennis (DE), Vanderbilt 1986
Hart, Leo (QB), Duke 1971
Hawkins, Alex (WR), South Carolina 1966-67
Haworth, Steve (DB), Oklahoma 1983-84
Havig, Dennis (G), Colorado 1972-75
Hayes, Tom (CB), San Diego St. 1971-75
Heck, Ralph (LB), Colorado 1966-68
Herman, Chuck (G), Arkansas 1980
Herron, Mack (RB), Kansas St. 1975
Hettema, Dave (T), New Mexico 1970
Hilton, Roy (DE), Jackson St. 1975
Hinson, Billy (G), Florida 1986
Hodge, Floyd (WR), Utah 1982-84
Holly, Bob (QB), Princeton 1984-85
Holmes, Rudy (DE), Drake 1974
Howe, Glen (T), So. Mississippi 1985-86
Howell, Pat (G), USC 1979-83
Hudlow, Floyd (CB-S), Arizona 1967-68
Hughes, Bob (DE), Jackson St. 1967-69
Humphrey, Claude (DE),
Tennessee St. 1968-74, 76-78
Hunter, Scott (QB), Alabama 1976-78
Hutchinson, Tom (WR), Kentucky 1966

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Jackson, Alfred (WR), Texas 1978-84
Jackson, Ernie (CB), Duke 1978
Jackson, Jeff (LB), Auburn 1984-85
Jackson, Larron (G), Missouri 1975-76
Jackson, Robert (LB) Texas A&M 1982
James, John (P), Florida 1972-81
Jenke, Noel (LB), Minnesota 1972
Jenkins, Alfred (WR), Morris Brown 1975-83
Jarvis, Ray (WR), Norfolk St. 1971-72
Jobko, Bill (LB), Ohio St. 1966
Johnson, Billy (WR), Widener 1982-86
Johnson, Kenny (DB), Mississippi St. 1980-86
Johnson, Randy (QB), Texas A&I 1966-70
Johnson, Rudy (RB), Nebraska 1966
Jones, Bob (WR), San Diego St. 1969
Jones, Bob (DB), Virginia Union 1975-76
Jones, Earl (DB), Norfolk St. 1980-83
Jones, Jerry (DT), Bowling Green 1966
Jones, Joey (WR), Alabama 1986
Jones, June (QB), Portland St. 1977-79

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Kay, Rick (LB), Colorado 1977
Kendrick, Vince (RB), Florida 1974-75
Kenn, Mike (T), Michigan 1978-86
Kiewel, Jeff (G), Arizona 1985
Kindle, Gregg (G), Tennessee St. 1976
Kirouac, Lou (G-K), Boston College 1966-67
Koeper, Rich (T), Oregon State 1966
Komlo, Jeff (QB), Delaware 1982
Krepfle, Keith (TE), Iowa St. 1982
Kuechenberg, Rudy (LB), Indiana 1971
Kunz, George (T), Notre Dame 1969-74
Kupp, Jake (G), Washington 1967
Kuykendall, Fulton (LB), UCLA 1975-84

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Lamb, Ron (RB), South Carolina 1972
Landrum, Mike (TE), So. Miss. 1984
Laughlin, Jim (LB), Ohio St. 1980-82
Lavan, Al (S), Colorado St. U. 1969-70
Lawrence, Kent (WR), Georgia 1970
Lawrence, Rolland (DB), Tabor 1973-80
Ledbetter, Monte (WR), N.W. Louisiana 1969
Lee, Bob (WR), Minnesota 1969
Lee, Bob (QB), Pacific 1973-74
Lee, Dwight (RB), Michigan St. 1968
Lee, Ron (OL), Baylor 1983
Lemmerman, Bruce (QB),
San Fernando Valley 1968-69
Lens, Greg (DT), Trinity Texas 1970-71
Levenick, Dave (LB), Wisconsin 1983-84
Lewis, Mike (DT), Arkansas AM&N 1971-79
Linden, Errol (T), Houston 1966-68
Long, Bob (WR), Wichita St. 1968
Lothridge, Billy (P-S), Georgia Tech 1966-71
Luckhurst, Mick (K), California 1981-86

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Mabra, Ron (DB), Howard 1975-76
Mack, Red (WR), Notre Dame 1966
Malancon, Rydell (LB), LSU 1984
Mallory, John (S), W. Virginia 1967
Malone, Art (RB), Arizona St. 1970-74
Mankins, Jim (RB), Florida St. 1967
Manning, Rosie (T), N.E. Oklahoma 1972-75
Marchiewski, Frank (C), Minnesota 1966-68
Marshall, Randy (DE), Linfield 1970-71
Marshall, Rich (DT), Stephen F. Austin 1966
Martin, Billy (TE), Georgia Tech 1966-67
Marx, Greg (DT), Notre Dame 1973
Matlock, John (C), Miami 1970-71
Matthews, Al (TE), Vanderbilt 1983-85
Matthews, Aubrey (WR), Delta State 1986
Matthews, Henry (RB), Michigan St. 1973
Mauer, Andy (G), Orgeon 1970-73
Mayberry, James (RB), Colorado 1979-81
Mazzetti, Tim (K), Pennsylvania 1978-80
McCarthy, Brendan (RB),
Boston College 1968
McCartney, Ron (LB), Tennessee 1977-79
McCauley, Tom (S-WR), Wisconsin 1969-71

McClain, Dewey (LB), E. Central Univ. 1976-80
McCrary, Greg (TE), Clark 1975-77
McDermott, Gary (RB), Tulsa 1969
McDonald, Tommy (WR), Oklahoma 1967
McGee, Molly (RB), Rhode Island 1974
McInnis, Hugh (TE), So. Mississippi 1966
McIntyre, Secedrick (RB), Auburn 1977
McKinnely, Phil (T), UCLA 1976-80
McQuilken, Kim (QB), Lehigh 1974-77
Merrow, Jeff (DE), W. Virginia 1975-83
Meyers, Eddie (RB), Navy 1982*
Mialik, Larry (TE), Wisconsin 1972-74
Middleton, Ron (TE), Auburn 1986
Mike-Mayer, Nick (K), Temple 1973-77
Mikeska, Russ (TE), Texas A&M 1979-83
Miller, Brett (T), Iowa 1983-86
Miller, Jim (G), Iowa 1971-72, 74
Miller, Junior (TE), Nebraska 1980-83
Mitchell, Ken (LB), Nevada-Las Vegas 1973-74
Mitchell, Jim (TE), Prairie View 1969-79
Montgomery, Marv (T), USC 1978
Moore, Robert (S), Northwestern St. 1986
Moore, Tom (RB), Vanderbilt 1967
Moriarty, Tom (S), Bowling Green 1977-79, 81
Moroski, Mike (QB), Cal-Davis 1979-84
Morris, Larry (LB), Georgia Tech 1966
Musser, Neal (LB), N.C. State 1981-83

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Neal, Louis (WR), Prairie View 1973-74
Nobis, Tommy (LB), Texas 1966-76
Nofsinger, Terry (QB), Utah 1967
Norton, Jim (DT/DE), Washington 1967-68

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Ogden, Ray (TE), Alabama 1967-68
Ortega, Ralph (LB), Florida 1975-78

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Palmer, Dick (LB), Kentucky 1974
Patton, Ricky (RB), Jackson St. 1978
Pearson, Dennis (WR), San Diego St. 1978-79
Pellegrini, Joe (C), Harvard 1984-86
Pennywell, Robert (LB), Grambling 1977-80
Perko, Mike (DT), Utah St. 1982
Phillips, Ray (LB), North Carolina St. 1986
Pillers, Lawrence (DT), Alcorn State 1985
Pitts, Mike (DE), Alabama 1983-86
Pleasant, Reggie (DB), Clemson 1985
Plummer, Tony (S), Pacific 1971-73
Poage, Ray (TE), Texas 1971
Pridemore, Tom (S), West Virginia 1978-85
Pritchett, Billy Ray (RB), W. Texas St. 1976-77
Profit, Joe (RB), N.E. Louisiana 1971-73
Provence, Andrew (DT), S. Carolina 1983-86

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Rade, John (LB), Boise St. 1983-86
Radloff, Wayne (C), Georgia 1986
Rassas, Nick (S), Notre Dame 1966-68
Ray, Eddie (RB), LSU 1972-74
Reaves, Ken (CB), Norfolk St. 1966-73
Rector, Ron (RB), Northwestern 1966-67
Redmond, Rudy (CB), Pacific 1969-71
Reed, Frank (DB), Washington 1976-80
Reed, Oscar (RB), Colorado State U. 1975
Reese, Guy (DT), SMU 1966
Richards, Bobby (DE), LSU 1966-67
Richardson, Al (LB), Georgia Tech 1980-85
Richardson, Jerry (CB-S), W. Texas St. 1966-67
Ridlehuber, Preston (RB), Georgia 1966
Riggle, Bob (S), Penn State 1966-67
Riggs, Gerald (RB), Arizona St. 1982-86
Roberts, Gary (G), Purdue 1970
Roberts, George (P), Virginia Tech 1982
Roberts, Guy (LB), Maryland 1976
Robinson, Bo (RB), W. Texas St. 1981-83
Rogers, Doug (DE), Stanford 1982
Rubke, Karl (DT), USC 1966-67
Rushing, Marion (LB), So. Illinois 1966-68
Russ, Carl (LB), Michigan 1975
Ryckman, Billy (WR), Louisiana Tech 1977-79
Ryczek, Paul (C), Virginia 1974-79

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Sabatino, Bill (DT), Colorado 1969
Sandeman, Bill (T), Pacific 1967-73
Sanders, Bob (LB), N. Texas St. 1967
Sanders, Eric (T), Nevada-Reno 1981-86
Scales, Charlie (RB), Indiana 1966
Schmidt, Roy (G-T), Long Beach St. 1969
Schonert, Turk (QB), Stanford 1986
Scott, Dave (T), Kansas 1976-82
Scully, John (C), Notre Dame 1981-86
Seay, Virgil (WR), Troy St. 1984
Shay, Jerry (DT), Purdue 1968-69
Shears, Larry (CB), Lincoln, Mo. 1971
Sherlag, Bob (WR), Memphis St. 1966
Shiner, Dick (QB), Maryland 1971-73
Sidle, Jimmy (TE-RB), Auburn 1966
Sieminski, Chuck (DT), Penn State 1966-67
Silvestri, Carl (CB-S), Wisconsin 1966
Simeta, Mike (DT), Kansas St. 1983
Simmons, Jerry (WR), Bethune-Cookman 1967-69
Simon, Jim (G-T), Miami 1966-68
Sloan, Steve (QB), Alabama 1966-67
Small, Gerald (CB), San Jose St. 1984
Small, John (DT), Citadel 1970-72
Smigelsky, Dave (P), Virginia Tech 1982
Smith, Don (DE), Miami 1979-84
Smith, Mike (WR), Grambling 1980
Smith, Ralph (TE), Mississippi 1969
Smith, Reggie (WR), N.C. Central 1980-81
Smith, Ron (CB-WR), Wisconsin 1966-67
Smith, Royce (G), Georgia 1974-76
Snider, Malcolm (G), Stanford 1969-71
Snyder, Todd (WR), Ohio U. 1970-72
Sobocinski, Phil (C), Wisconsin 1968
Spiller, Phil (S), Cal. State-L.A. 1968
Spiva, Andy (LB), Tennessee 1977
Spivey, Mike (CB), Colorado 1982
Stamps, Sylvester (WR), Jackson St. 1984-86
Stanback, Haskel (RB), Tennessee 1974-79
Stanciel, Jeff (RB), Miss. Valley 1969
Steinfort, Fred (PK), Boston College 1977-78
Stewart, Steve (LB), Minnesota 1978
Strahan, Art (DT), Texas Southern 1968
Strong, Ray (RB), Nevada/Las Vegas 1978-82
Suchy, Larry (CB), Mississippi College 1968
Sullivan, Jim (DE), Lincoln, Mo. 1970
Sullivan, Pat (QB), Auburn 1972-75
Szczecko, Joe (DT), Auburn 1966-68

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Talbert, Don (T), Texas 1966-68
Tate, Rodney (RB), Texas 1984

Taylor, Johnnie (LB), Hawaii 1984-86
Teague, Matthew (DE), Prairie View 1981
Ten Napel, Garth (LB), Texas A&M 1978
Thielemann, R.C. (G), Arkansas 1977-84
Thomas, Chuck (G), Oklahoma 1985
Thomas, Sean (DB), TCU 1985
Thompson, Woody (RB), Miami 1975-77
Tilleman, Mike (DT), Montana 1973-76
Tinker, Gerald (WR), Kent State 1974-75
Tolleson, Tommy (WR), Alabama 1966
Toloumu, David (RB), Hawaii 1982
Trayman, Wade (K), Frederick 1966-67
Turner, Jimmy (CB), UCLA 1986
Tutson, Tom (DB), S.C. State 1983
Tuttle, Perry (WR), Clemson 1984
Tyrrell, Tim (RB), N. Illinois 1984-86

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Van Note, Jeff (C), Kentucky 1969-86
Vinyard, Kenny (K), Texas Tech 1970

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Wages, Harmon (RB), Florida 1968-71, 73
Wagoner, Danny (DB), Kansas 1985
Walker, Chuck (DT), Duke 1972-75
Walker, Cleo (LB), Louisville 1971
Warwick, Lonnie (LB), Tenn. Tech 1973-74
Washington, Joe (RB), Oklahoma 1985
Washington, Joe (RB), Illinois St. 1973
Washington, Ronnie (LB), NE Lousiana St. 1985
Waskiewicz, Jim (C), Wichita St. 1969
Weatherford, Jim (S), Tennessee 1969
Weatherley, Jim (C), None 1976
Wheelwright, Ernie (RB), So. Illinois 1966-67
Whisenhunt, Ken (TE), Georgia Tech 1985-86
White, Lyman (LB), LSU 1981-82
Whitlow, Bob (C), Arizona 1966
Wilkes, Reggie (LB), Georgia Tech 1986
Williams, Joel (LB), Wis. LaCrosse 1979-82, 86
Williams, Keith (RB), SW Missouri 1986
Williams, Richard (RB), Memphis St. 1983
Williams, Sam (DE), Michigan State 1966-67
Wilson, Jim (C), Georgia 1967
Windauer, Bill (DT), Iowa 1976
Winkler, Randy (G), Tarleton St. 1963
Woerner, Scott (S), Georgia 1981
Wolski, Bill (RB), Notre Dame 1966
Wood, Bo (DE), North Carolina 1967
Woodberry, Dennis (CB), Southern Arkansas 1986
Wright, James (TE), Texas Christian 1978-79
Wright, John (WR), Illinois 1968
Wright, Nate (S), San Deigo St. 1969

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Yeates, Jeff (DT), Boston College 1976-84
Young, Ben (TE), UT-Arlington 1983

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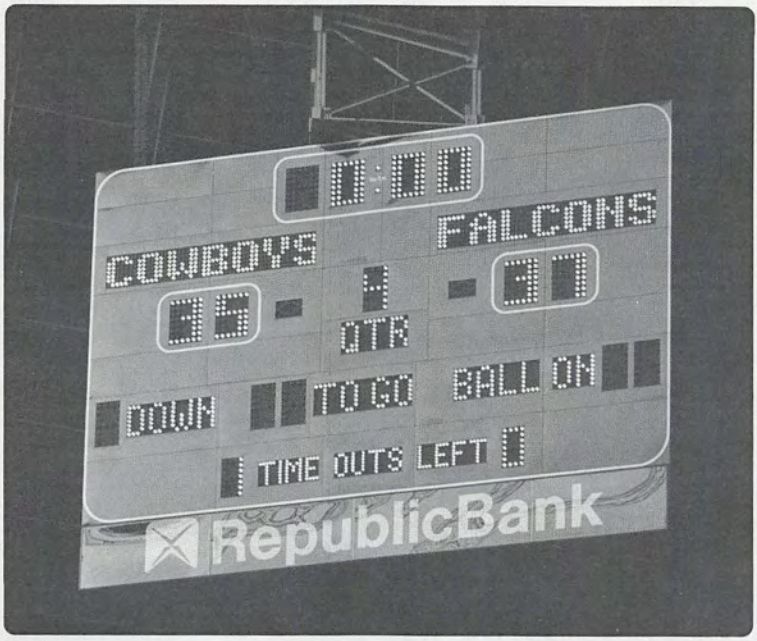
Zele, Mike (DT), Kent St. 1979-83
Zook, John (DE), Kansas 1969-75

*Not eligible until 1987

NFL's Top Runners

Last 3 Years (1984-1986)

	Carries	Yards	TD's
1. Eric Dickerson	1075	5160	37
2. Walter Payton	1026	4568	28
3. GERALD RIGGS, FALCONS	1093	4532	32
4. Marcus Allen	863	3686	29
5. James Wilder	962	3548	25
6. Joe Morris	768	3362	39
7. Freeman McNeil	737	3257	17
8. Tony Dorsett	791	3244	18
9. George Rogers	773	3210	27
10. Earnest Jackson	794	3117	18
11. Sammy Winder	735	2656	21
12. Curt Warner	620	2615	21
13. Roger Craig	573	2529	23
14. Craig James	577	2444	10
15. James Brooks	500	2412	14
16. Greg Bell	575	2360	19
17. Walter Abercrombie	586	2338	14
18. James Jones	633	2321	17
19. Stump Mitchell	438	2240	21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1986 Final Falcon Statistics

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RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE

(W)	31	NEW ORLEANS	10	A	67,950
(W)	33	ST. LOUIS	13	H	46,463
(W)	37	DALLAS	35	A	62,880
(W)OT	23	TAMPA BAY	20	A	38,950
(L)	0	PHIL EAGLES	16	H	57,104
(W)	26	LA RAMS	14	H	51,662
(T)OT	10	SAN FRAN	10	H	55,306
(L)	7	LA RAMS	14	A	56,993
(L)	17	NEW ENGLAND	25	A	60,597
(L)	14	NY JETS	28	H	53,476
(L)	10	CHICAGO	13	H	55,520
(L)	0	SAN FRAN	20	A	58,747
(W)	20	MIAMI	14	A	53,762
(L)	23	IND. COLTS	28	H	30,397
(L)	9	NEW ORLEANS	14	H	39,994
(W)	20	DETROIT	6	A	35,255

1985 TEAM STATISTICS

	ATL.	OPP.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	305	268
Rushing	149	111
Passing	137	139
Penalty	19	18
3rd Down: Made/Att.	85/235 36.2	73/206 35.4
4th Down: Made/Att.	15/25 60.0	6/11 54.5
TOTAL NET YARDS	5106	4908
Avg. Per Game	319.1	306.8
Total Plays	1086	964
Avg. Per Play	4.7	5.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	2524	1916
Avg. Per Game	157.8	119.8
Total Rushes	578	485
NET YARDS PASSING	2582	2992
Avg. Per Game	161.4	187.0
Tackled/Yards Lost	56/464	26/177
Gross Yards	3046	3169
Attempts/Completions	452/246	453/241
Pct. of Completions	54.4	53.2
Had Intercepted	17	22
PUNTS AVERAGE	79/43.3	83/41.4
NET PUNTING AVG.	35.0	35.7
PENALTIES/YARDS	99/763	106/834
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	31/16	30/14
TOUCHDOWNS	30	34
Rushing	12	10
Passing	14	19
Returns	4	5
TOTAL POINTS		

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
FALCONS	74	51	64	88	3	280
Opp.	34	131	48	67	0	280

RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Riggs	343	1327	3.9	31	9
Archer	52	298	5.7	22	0
Austin	62	280	4.5	22	1
Stamps	30	220	7.3	48	0
Andrews	52	214	4.1	13	1
Dixon	11	67	6.1	23	0
B. Johnson	6	25	4.2	10	0
Whisenhunt	1	20	20.0	20	0
Williams K.	3	18	6.0	8	0
Matthews	1	12	12.0	12	0
Schonert	11	12	1.1	7	1
Clark	2	8	4.0	6	0
Campbell	1	7	7.0	7	0
Jones	1	7	7.0	7	0
Bailey	1	6	6.0	6	0
Baker	1	3	3.0	3	0
FALCONS TOTAL	578	2524	4.4	48	12
Opp. Total	485	1916	4.0	28	10

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
C. Brown	63	918	14.6	42	4
Dixon	42	617	14.7	65	2
Cox	24	301	12.5	49	1
Riggs	24	136	5.7	11	0
Stamps	20	221	11.1	39t	1
Whisenhunt	20	184	9.2	23t	3
Williams K.	12	164	13.7	32t	1
Allen	10	156	15.6	32	2
Jones	7	141	20.1	41	0
B. Johnson	6	57	9.5	27	0
Middleton	6	31	5.2	8	0
Andrews	5	35	7.0	14	0
Bailey	3	39	13.0	21	0
Austin	3	21	7.0	9	0
Matthews	1	25	25.0	25	0
FALCONS TOTAL	246	3046	12.4	65	14
Opp. Total	241	3169	13.1	85	19

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Dixon	26	3	151	5.8	16	0
B. Johnson	8	8	87	10.9	30	0
Jones	7	1	36	5.1	14	0
Allen	2	0	10	5.0	9	0
Stamps	1	0	8	8.0	8	0
FALCONS TOTAL	44	12	292	6.6	30	0
Opp. Total	47	12	477	10.1	81t	3

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Clark	5	94	18.8	34	0
Case	4	41	10.3	41	0
Croudip	2	35	17.5	29	0
Williams J.	2	18	9.0	14t	1
Woodberry	2	14	7.0	9	0
Wilkes	2	11	5.5	10	0
Butler	1	33	33.0	33t	1
Curry	1	32	32.0	32	0
Cason	1	10	10.0	10	0
Rade	1	6	6.0	6	0
Moore	1	0	0.0	0	0
FALCONS TOTAL	22	294	13.4	41	2
Opp. Total	17	198	11.6	30	1

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Stamps	24	514	21.4	35	0
K. Williams	14	255	18.2	32	0
Austin	7	120	17.1	25	0
Andrews	4	71	17.8	22	0
Matthews	3	42	14.0	20	0
Croudip	1	20	20.0	20	0
Dixon	1	13	13.0	13	0
FALCONS TOTAL	54	1035	19.2	35	0
Opp. Total	59	1190	20.2	48	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	IN 20	LG	Blk
Donnelly	78	3421	43.9	9	19	71	1
FALCONS TOTAL	79	3421	43.3	9	19	71	1
Opp. Total	83	3436	41.4	9	22	61	0

FIELD GOALS (STARRED GOOD)	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
Luckhurst	1/1	1/2	5/7	7/11	0/3	14/24
Haji-Sheikh	1/1	3/3	2/4	3/3	0/1	9/12
Falcons Total	2/2	4/5	7/11	10/14	0/4	23/36
Opp. Total	0/0	5/7	8/10	2/6	0/3	15/26

Luckhurst (32*); (42*); (47*, 33*, 56, 52, 18*) (43*, 34*, 34*); (23, 43); (23*, 32*, 49*, 41*); (47*, 48*); (32); (41*, 36, 53); (44, 43)

Haji-Sheikh (37*); (39); (32*, 33, 47*); (19*, 45*, 26*); (43*); (50, 25*, 21*)

1986 Individual Statistics

SCORING	TDR	TDP	TDRt	PAT	FG	S	TP
Luckhurst	0	0	0	21/21	14/24	0	63
Riggs	9	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	54
Haji-Sheikh	0	0	0	7/8	9/12	0	34
Brown	0	4	0	0/0	0/0	0	24
Whisenhunt	0	3	0	0/0	0/0	0	18
Allen	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Dixon	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
Pitts	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Austin	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Butler	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Stamps	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Britt	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Cox	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
J. Williams	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
Andrews	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Schonert	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
K. Williams	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Gann	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	1	2
Donnelly	0	0	0	1/1	0/0	0	1
FALCONS	12	14	4	29/30	23/36	1	280
Opp. Total	10	19	5	31/34	15/26	0	280

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FALCONS TOTAL	79	3421	43.3	9	19	71	1
Opp. Total	83	3436	41.4	9	22	61	0

PASSING	Att.	Comp	Yds	Pct.	Avg. Att.	TD	Pct.	Int.	Pct. Int.	LG	Lost Att.	Rat.
Archer	294	150	2007	51.0	6.83	10	3.4	9	3.1	65	34/249	71.6
Schonert	154	95	1032	61.7	6.70	4	2.6	8	5.2	41	21/206	68.4
Campbell	3	1	7	33.3	2.33	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	1/9	42.4
Riggs	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0/0	39.6
FALCONS TOTAL	452	246	3046	54.4	6.74	14	3.1	17	3.8	65	56/464	70.2
Opp. Total	453	241	3169	53.2	7.00	19	4.2	22	4.9	85	26/177	69.3

Falcons in Uniform

Jersey: Red with gray letters outlined in black. Sleeve stripe is black bordered with two thinner red stripes bordered by two wider gray stripes. Falcon logo on each sleeve.

Pants: Gray with shiny front. Black stripe down each leg bordered by two thinner white stripes bordered by two wider red stripes. Red belt.

Socks: Red over white.

Shoes: White (brand preferences by player)

Helmet: Red with black face mask. Black stripe down center bordered by two white stripes. Black Falcon logo outlined in white on both sides of helmet.

1986 Defensive Statistics

	Player	Total Tackles	Tackles	Assists
LB	Buddy Curry	157	84	73
LB	John Rade	140	73	67
DE	Rick Bryan	120	70	50
NT	Tony Casillas	111	55	56
DE	Mike Gann	99	53	46
LB	Reggie Wilkes	92	54	38
S	Bret Clark	88	61	27
LB	Joel Williams	87	44	43
CB	Scott Case	69	42	27
S	Robert Moore	66	44	22
CB	David Croudip	41	29	12
DE	Mike Pitts	34	24	10
CB	Bobby Butler	27	21	6
CB	Wendell Cason	27	12	15
CB	James Britt	19	12	7
S	Kenny Johnson	15	8	7
DE	Dennis Harrison	15	5	10
LB	Tim Green	14	7	7
LB	Johnny Taylor	12	4	8
DE	Andrew Provence	10	7	3
LB	Joe Costello	4	2	2
CB	Dennis Woodberry	3	3	0
CB	Jimmy Turner	3	2	1
LB	Aaron Brown	1	1	0
CB	Herman Edwards	1	1	0
	TOTALS	**1255**	**718**	**537**

Sacks

R. Bryan	7
M. Gann	5.5
M. Pitts	5.5
J. Costello	2
T. Casillas	1
B. Clark	1
D. Harrison	1
R. Moore	1
J. Rade	1
TOTALS	**26**

QB Hurries

M. Gann	43
R. Bryan	31
M. Pitts	16
J. Williams	14
D. Harrison	13
T. Casillas	11
R. Wilkes	8
A. Provence	7
J. Costello	6
B. Curry	5
J. Taylor	4
T. Green	4
J. Rade	3
S. Case	2
W. Cason	1
R. Moore	1
A. Brown	1
TOTALS	**170**

Forced Fumbles

R. Bryan	3
T. Casillas	2
B. Clark	2
J. Costello	2
R. Moore	2
M. Pitts	2
J. Britt	1
B. Butler	1
D. Croudip	1
A. Provence	1
R. Wilkes	1
J. Williams	1
TOTALS	**19**

Interceptions

Bret Clark	5-94
Scott Case	4-41
David Croudip	2-35
Joel Williams	2-18
Dennis Woodberry	2-14
Reggie Wilkes	2-11
Bobby Butler	1-33
Buddy Curry	1-32
Wendell Cason	1-10
John Rade	1-6
Robert Moore	1-0
TOTALS	**22-294**

Passes Defensed

Scott Case	41
David Croudip	18
Buddy Curry	16
Bret Clark	15
James Britt	13
Robert Moore	13
Reggie Wilkes	12
Joel Williams	12
Bobby Butler	11
John Rade	7
Kenny Johnson	6
Wendell Cason	5
Rick Bryan	3
Mike Gann	3
Dennis Harrison	3
Johnny Taylor	3
Herman Edwards	2
Tony Casillas	1
TOTALS	**184**

Recovered Fumble

Mike Gann	3
James Britt	2
Bret Clark	2
Mike Pitts	2
Tony Casillas	1
Wendell Cason	1
David Croudip	1
Buddy Curry	1
Dennis Harrison	1

Blocked Kicks

Mike Pitts	2
Dennis Harrison	1
TOTALS	**3**

Special Team Tackles

Clark	15	K. Williams	7	Matthews	3	Cason	2	J. Williams	1
A. Brown	12	Green	6	Woodberry	3	Donnelly	1	Wilkes	1
Croudip	12	Case	5	Sanders	3	Luckhurst	1	Provence	1
K. Johnson	11	Austin	4	Costello	3	Whisenhunt	1	Turner	1
Stamps	9	Moore	4	Pellegrini	2	Tyrrell	1	Haji-Sheikh	1

1986 Game-By-Game Offensive Statistics

Game	Score	1st Dwn	(R/PS/PN)	3rd Dwn	4th Dwn	Total Net Yds.	Net Rush	Net Pass	Att/Comp/ Inter	S-Yds.	TD Rush	TD Pass	TD Ret.	Punts	Fum.	Pen.
@ New Orleans	31-10	28	17/10/1	12-16	0-0	442	55-245	197	19/14/1	2-13	2	2	0	3-42.3	2-1	7-79
St. Louis	33-13	23	12/8/3	6-14	1-1	342	43-190	152	24/10/0	1-8	2	2	0	5-46.6	3-0	8-55
@ Dallas	37-35	26	13/10/3	7-14	1-2	420	38-187	233	29/15/0	5-36	1	1	2	1-55.0	1-1	9-89
@ Tampa Bay (ot)	23-20	28	12/14/2	7-16	1-1	490	47-249	241	36/19/0	1-5	1	1	0	4-39.0	4-2	13-90
Philadelphia	0-16	15	1/10/4	2-13	1-3	228	23-55	173	38/15/1	7-46	0	0	0	6-48.8	2-2	3-20
L.A. Rams	26-14	16	10/6/0	6-15	0-0	275	44-167	108	20/9/2	1-7	1	1	0	4-49.8	1-0	10-94
San Francisco (ot)	10-10	21	11/8/2	5-22	3-5	356	52-217	139	35/16/3	5-37	0	1	0	7-31.9	2-2	6-54
@ L.A. Rams	7-14	8	6/2/0	3-11	0-2	151	24-96	55	25/13/2	1-9	0	0	1	5-41.0	1-1	3-25
@ New England	17-25	21	14/7/0	5-14	1-1	366	39-218	148	27/16/0	4-17	2	0	0	5-46.0	3-1	10-64
N.Y. Jets	14-28	23	6/15/2	4-13	1-3	393	20-88	305	36/21/1	4-45	0	2	0	4-44.5	3-1	3-10
Chicago	10-13	11	5/6/0	6-16	1-1	159	28-118	41	24/10/3	5-39	0	0	1	7-48.1	0-0	6-43
@ San Francisco	0-20	12	6/6/0	4-16	2-2	229	18-75	154	38/22/1	8-80	0	0	0	9-44.3	2-0	4-24
@ Miami	20-14	13	8/5/0	4-13	1-2	362	45-219	143	13/8/0	0-0	2	0	0	4-46.8	1-1	6-43
Indianapolis	23-28	25	16/9/0	6-13	0-0	408	44-219	189	28/17/0	3-33	0	2	0	4-23.8	4-3	5-33
New Orleans	9-14	18	4/12/2	3-13	2-2	247	21-62	185	36/24/2	6-53	0	1	0	6-42.7	1-1	6-35
@ Detroit	20-6	17	8/9/0	5-14	0-0	238	37-119	119	24/17/1	3-33	1	1	0	5-48.6	1-0	1-5
TOTALS	280-280	305	149/137/19	85-235	15-25	5106	578-2524	2582	452/246/17	56-464	12	14	4	79-43.3	31-16	99/763

1986 Game-By-Game Defensive Statistics

Game	Score	1st Dwn	(R/PS/PN)	3rd Dwn	4th Dwn	Total Net Yds.	Net Rush	Net Pass	Att/Comp/ Inter	S-Yds.	TD Rush	TD Pass	TD Ret.	Punts	Fum.	Pen.
@ New Orleans	31-10	14	6/6/2	4-12	0-0	176	20-75	101	33/13/2	2-14	1	0	0	7-44.4	0-0	4-23
St. Louis	33-13	15	6/8/1	2-10	2-2	265	26-106	159	26/12/1	2-9	1	1	0	6-41.7	0-0	8-69
@ Dallas	37-35	22	8/12/2	7-11	0-0	415	25-152	263	30/23/1	2-17	1	4	0	2-44.5	3-3	9-83
@ Tampa Bay (ot)	23-20	18	11/7/0	2-10	1-1	322	36-175	147	21/12/1	1-13	1	1	0	5-42.8	1-0	7-42
Philadelphia	0-16	15	4/11/0	7-18	0-0	309	36-97	212	26/14/0	4-25	0	1	0	7-50.6	7-1	8-85
L.A. Rams	26-14	19	7/8/4	3-10	0-0	290	24-106	184	29/14/1	2-12	1	1	0	5-27.4	2-2	8-67
San Francisco (ot)	10-10	17	7/9/1	4-14	0-0	254	32-115	139	30/13/2	1-7	1	0	0	7-39.9	4-1	3-22
@ L.A. Rams	7-14	18	15/3/0	5-14	0-0	335	50-234	101	17/8/2	1-6	0	1	1	5-37.2	3-3	7-45
@ New England	17-25	16	3/10/3	2-11	0-0	349	24-86	263	31/15/1	0-0	0	1	1	5-39.0	1-0	10-73
N.Y. Jets	14-28	22	6/14/2	6-15	1-1	426	37-104	322	33/26/0	0-0	1	3	0	5-44.2	0-0	9-65
Chicago	10-13	15	11/4/0	3-12	0-0	368	39-165	203	22/9/2	0-0	1	0	0	3-49.7	1-1	6-50
@ San Francisco	0-20	21	6/14/1	6-17	1-1	365	36-155	210	34/23/0	4-36	0	1	1	7-45.7	0-0	5-40
@ Miami	20-14	16	5/10/1	5-12	0-2	375	19-72	303	40/20/4	0-0	0	2	0	3-46.7	3-0	9-76
Indianapolis	23-28	14	4/9/1	6-12	0-0	225	19-74	151	29/15/3	3-16	1	2	1	5-36.0	1-0	6-35
New Orleans	9-14	14	6/8/0	7-16	1-2	241	38-80	161	23/13/1	1-9	1	1	0	7-34.6	1-0	6-41
@ Detroit	20-6	12	6/6/0	4-12	0-2	193	25-120	73	28/11/1	3-13	0	0	1	5-44.8	3-3	1-5
TOTALS	280-280	268	111/139/18	73-206	6-11	4908	485-1916	2992	453/241/22	26-177	10	19	5	83-41.4	30-14	106/834

1986 Rushing Game-by-Game

Game	Score	Riggs	Austin	Andrews	Archer	Stamps	Schonert	Williams	Other
@ New Orleans	31-10	15-69-1t	27-104-1t	5-28	4-37	1-(-1)	1-(-2)	1-7	Baker (1-3)
St. Louis	33-13	29-108-1t	5-23	2-8-1t	5-36	1-8	DNP	0-0	Jones (1-7)
@ Dallas	37-35	25-109-1t	3-18	0-0	7-41	2-13	DNP	0-0	Clark (1-6)
@ Tampa Bay (ot)	23-20	27-129-1t	9-71	1-3	9-32	1-14	DNP	0-0	
Philadelphia	0-16	11-22	6-14	0-0	4-12	2-7	DNP	0-0	
L.A. Rams	26-14	35-141-1t	2-3	3-13	3-8	1-2	DNP	0-0	
San Francisco (ot)	10-10	29-74	2-13	5-29	5-35	6-43	DNP	0-0	B. Johnson (4-20) Dixon (1-3)
@ L.A. Rams	7-14	15-43	4-29	0-0	2-15	3-9	0-0	0-0	
@ New England	17-25	26-97-2t	0-0	3-5	6-41	3-55	DNP	I.R.	Whisenhunt (1-20)
N.Y. Jets	14-28	12-35	0-0	0-0	4-23	3-24	DNP	I.R.	Dixon (1-6)
Chicago	10-13	22-92	0-0	DNP	3-18	2-2	0-0	I.R.	Bailey (1-6)
@ San Francisco	0-20	10-25	1-(-1)	1-1	I.R.	3-36	2-7	I.R.	Campbell (1-7)
@ Miami	20-14	33-172-1t	0-0	4-23	I.R.	2-8	4-12-1t	0-0	Clark (1-2) Dixon (1-2)
Indianapolis	23-28	30-136	DNP	8-23	I.R.	0-0	1-0	1-8	Dixon (4-52)
New Orleans	9-14	13-50	0-0	2-5	I.R.	I.R.	1-(-5)	0-0	B. Johnson (2-5) Dixon (2-[-5]) Matthews (1-12)
@ Detroit	20-6	11-25-1t	3-6	18-76	I.R.	I.R.	2-0	1-3	Dixon (2-9)
Totals		343-1327-9t	62-280-1t	52-214-1t	52-298	30-220	11-12-1t	3-18	25-155

1986 Receiving Game-by-Game

Game	Score	Allen	Andrews	Austin	Brown	Cox	Dixon	Jones	M'ton	Riggs	Stamps	Williams	Whisenhunt	Others
@ New Orleans	31-10	3-62-1t	0-0	0-0	7-119-1t	1-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-17	1-3	0-0	
St. Louis	33-13	2-46-1t	0-0	0-0	4-63-1t	0-0	1-21	0-0	0-0	1-9	0-0	0-0	2-21	
@ Dallas	37-35	2-24	0-0	1-6	4-77	2-22	3-89	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-12	2-39-1	
@ Tampa Bay (ot)	23-20	3-24	1-2	0-0	7-110	1-18	3-58-1t	DNP	0-0	1-10	1-15	1-7	1-2	
Philadelphia	0-16	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-9	1-17	8-146	1-25	0-0	0-0	1-10	0-0	3-15	
L.A. Rams	26-14	I.R.	0-0	0-0	3-54-1t	2-18	2-30	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-13	0-0	0-0	
San Francisco (ot)	10-10	I.R.	0-0	0-0	3-43	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-4	6-31	3-63-1t	0-0	0-0	Johnson 3-35
@ L.A. Rams	7-14	I.R.	0-0	0-0	1-4	2-7	2-12	0-0	0-0	3-16	2-3	0-0	0-0	Johnson 3-22
@ New England	17-25	I.R.	0-0	0-0	6-40	1-28	1-9	1-20	0-0	1-8	3-41	I.R.	3-19	
N.Y. Jets	14-28	I.R.	0-0	0-0	6-112	4-108-1t	6-77	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-28	I.R.	2-25-1	
Chicago	10-13	I.R.	DNP	0-0	5-60	1-2	0-0	1-10	1-4	2-4	0-0	I.R.	0-0	
@ San Francisco	0-20	I.R.	0-0	1-6	5-45	1-(-1)	3-31	4-86	1-4	2-11	3-31	I.R.	2-21	
@ Miami	20-14	I.R.	1-6	0-0	4-90	1-11	0-0	I.R.	0-0	1-6	0-0	1-30	0-0	
Indianapolis	23-28	I.R.	1-14	DNP	2-23-1t	1-19	4-59	I.R.	2-11	3-13	0-0	2-37-1t	0-0	Matthews 1-25 Bailey 1-21
New Orleans	9-14	I.R.	1-9	0-0	2-34	5-41	5-46	I.R.	0-0	2-12	I.R.	6-75	1-3-1t	Bailey 2-18
@ Detroit	20-6	I.R.	1-4	1-9	3-35	1-2	4-39-1t	I.R.	1-8	2-16	I.R.	0-0	4-39	
Totals		10-156-2t	5-35	3-21	63-918-4t	24-301-1t	42-617-2t	7-141	6-31	24-136	20-221-1t	12-164-1t	20-184-3t	10-121

1986 Passing Game-by-Game

(Att-Comp-Yds-Tkd/Ls-TD-LG-Int)

Game	Score	Archer	Schonert	Campbell
@ New Orleans	31-10	16-13-207-2/13-2td-36LG-1int	3-1-3-0/0-0td-3LG-0int	—
St. Louis	33-13	24-10-160-1/8-2td-24LG-0int	DNP	—
@ Dallas	37-35	29-15-269-5/36-1td-65LG-0int	DNP	—
@ Tampa Bay (ot)	23-20	36-19-246-1/5-1td-40LG-0int	DNP	—
Philadelphia	0-16	38-15-222-7/49-0td-61LG-1int	DNP	—
L.A. Rams	26-14	20-9-115-1/7-1td-22LG-2int	DNP	—
San Francisco (ot)	10-10	35-16-176-5/37-1td-39LG-3int	DNP	—
@ L.A. Rams	7-14	22-11-53-1/9-0td-11LG-1int	3-2-11-0/0-0td-7LG-1int	—
@ New England	17-25	26-16-165-4/17-0td-28LG-0int	DNP	—
N.Y. Jets	14-28	36-21-350-4/45-2td-49LG-1int	DNP	—
Chicago	10-13	12-5-44-3/23-0td-14LG-0int	12-5-36-2/16-0td-13LG-3int	—
@ San Francisco	0-20	I.R.	35-21-227-7/71-0td-41LG-1int	3-1-7-1/9-0td-7LG-0int
@ Miami	20-14	I.R.	13-8-143-0/0-0td-37LG-0int	DNP
Indianapolis	23-28	I.R.	28-17-222-3/33-2td-32LG-0int	DNP
New Orleans	9-14	I.R.	36-24-238-6/53-1td-24LG-2int	DNP
@ Detroit	20-6	I.R.	24-17-152-3/33-1td-21LG-1int	DNP
Totals		294-150-2007-34/249-10td-65LG-9int	156-95-1032-21/206-4td-41LG-8int	3-1-7-1/9-0td-7LG-0int

Drives/Time of Possession

Game	Score	Drives Over 60 Atl.	Drives Over 60 Opp.	Drives Over 60 For Score Atl.	Drives Over 60 For Score Opp.	Total TDs Atl.	Total TDs Opp.	Inside The 20 Atl.	Inside The 20 Opp.	Scores Inside The 20 Atl.	Scores Inside The 20 Opp.	Turnovers Atl.	Turnovers Opp.	Turnover Factor	Time Of Possession Atl.	Time Of Possession Opp.
@ New Orleans	31-10	4	0	4 TD	0	4	1	5	1	4 TD 1 FG	1 TD	2	2	EVEN	37:58	22:02
St. Louis	33-13	2	1	2 TD	1 TD	4	2	4	1	3 TD 1 FG	1 TD	0	1	+1	34:27	25:33
@ Dallas	37-35	4	3	2 TD 2 FG	3 TD	4	5	4	4	2 TD 2 FG	4 TD	1	4	+3	34:10	25:50
@ Tampa Bay (OT)	23-20	2	3	2 TD	1 TD 2 FG	2	2	3	3	1 TD 2 FG	1 TD 2 FG	2	1	−1	42:11	30:24
Philadelphia	0-16	1	2		1 TD 1 FG	0	1	2	4		1 TD 3 FG	3	1	−2	24:50	35:10
L.A. Rams	26-14	1	3	1 FG	2 TD	2	2	4	3	1 TD 3 FG	2 TD	2	3	+1	34:17	25:43
San Francisco (OT)	10-10	1	0			1	1	3	2		1 TD 1 FG	5	3	−2	47:36	27:24
@ L.A. Rams	7-14	1	0			1	2	1	2		1 TD	3	5	+2	25:07	34:53
@ New England	17-25	2	3	2 TD	3 FG	2	2	3	3	2 TD	3 FG	1	1	EVEN	36:13	23:47
N.Y. Jets	14-28	3	3	2 TD	3 TD	2	4	0	2	—	2 TD	2	0	−2	24:19	35:41
Chicago	10-13	0	1		1 TD	1	1	1	6	1 FG	1 TD 1 FG	3	3	EVEN	30:42	29:18
@ San Francisco	0-20	0	2		1 TD 1 FG	0	2	0	3		1 TD 2 FG	1	0	−1	27:34	32:26
@ Miami	20-14	2	2	1 TD	1 TD	2	2	4	4	2 TD 1 FG	2 TD	1	4	+3	32:34	27:26
Indianapolis	23-28	1	1	1 TD	1 TD	2	4	4	2	1 TD 2 FG	2 TD	3	3	EVEN	36:52	23:08
New Orleans	9-14	1	2		2 TD	1	2	3	2	1 TD	2 TD	3	1	−2	29:15	30:45
@ Detroit	20-6	0	1			2	1	3	1	1 TD 2 FG		1	4	+3	39:10	20:50
TOTALS		**25**	**27**	**16 TD 3 FG**	**17 TD 5 FG**	**30**	**34**	**44**	**43**	**18 TD 15 FG**	**22 TD 12 FG**	**33**	**36**	**+3**	**500:23 (32:34)**	**426:72 (27:26)**

NFL RANKINGS

OFFENSE

	Atlanta	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Points Scored	280	9	21
Total Yards Offense	5106	7	17
Yards Rushing	2524	2	3
Rushing Attempts	578	T2	T2
Yards Passing	2582	11	25
QB Sacks Allowed	56	12	25
Pass Attempts	452	11	25
Pass Completions	246	10	23
Fewest Interceptions	17	T3	T7
Fewest Fumbles	31	T4	T11
Fewest Lost	16	T7	T13
Fewest Total Turnovers	33	7	12
Fewest Penalties	99	8	T12
TD's Scored	30	T10	23
Rush	12	11	19
Pass	14	11	T25
Ret	4	3	T8
Time of Possession	32:34	1	1

DEFENSE

	Atlanta	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Points Allowed	280	6	6
Total Yards Defense	4908	6	7
Yards Rushing	1916	8	16
Rush Attempts	485	8	15
Yards Passing	2992	6	7
QB Sacks Made	26	13	26
Fewest Pass Attempts	453	3	3
Fewest Pass Completions	241	3	4
Interceptions Made	22	T8	T10
Most Fumbles	30	T9	T19
Fumbles	14	9	17
Total Take-a-ways	36	T8	T15
Fewest TD's Allowed	34	T6	T6
Rush	10	T4	T4
Pass	19	7	9
Ret.	5	T12	T23

Game 1
Atlanta 31, New Orleans 10
Louisiana Superdome (67,950)

The Falcons dominated the Saints in their regular season opener, scoring a touchdown on a 17-yard pass from Dave Archer to Charlie Brown in their first possession. A game in which every Falcon saw playing time, the offense was sparked by the passing of Archer and the running of Cliff Austin. The Falcon defense held the Saints to only a field goal until late in the fourth quarter, when Hilliard scored on a one-yard run. Defensively, both Curry and Case had interceptions; while Provence and Bryan each recorded a quarterback sack.

ATLANTA	7	7	7	10	—	31
New Orleans	0	3	0	7	—	10

Scoring

Atl.—C. Brown 17 pass from Archer (Luckhurst kick)
Atl.—Austin 1 run (Luckhurst kick)
N.O.—FG Andersen 47
Atl.—Riggs 1 run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl.—Allen 19 pass from Archer (Luckhurst kick)
Atl.—FG Luckhurst 32
N.O.—Hilliard 1 run (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Saints
First Downs	28	13
Net Yards Gained	442	176
Rushing Yardage	245	75
Passing Yardage	197	101
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	19/14/1	33/13/2
Punts	3-42.3	7-44.4
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
Penalties	7/79	4/23
Sacks Allowed	2/13	2/14
Return Yds.	75	40
Time of Poss.	37:58	22:02

Rushing

Falcons—Austin 27-104-1td, Riggs 15-69-1td, Archer 4-37, Andrews 5-28, Williams 1-7, Baker 1-3, Stamps 1-(-1), Schonert 1-(-2).

Saints—Hilliard 15-51-1td, Jordan 4-21, Hebert 1-3.

Passing

Falcons—Archer 16-13-1-207-2td-2sk, Schonert 3-1-0-3-0td-0sk.

Saints—Hebert 33-13-2-115-0td-2sk.

Receiving

Falcons—C. Brown 7-119-1td, Allen 3-62-1td, Stamps 2-17, Cox 1-9, Williams 1-3.

Saints—Goodlow 4-58, Martin 3-31, Jones 2-6, Hilliard 2-5, Jordon 1-9, Tice 1-6.

Game 2
Atlanta 33, St. Louis 13
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium (46,463)

The Falcons jumped out to an early 14-0 first quarter lead on a Gerald Riggs' one-yard touchdown run and a 17-yard td pass from Dave Archer to Charlie Brown. Linebacker Joel Williams set up the second touchdown with an interception on the St. Louis 42-yard line. The Cardinals narrowed the lead with 13 second-quarter points, but the Falcon defense rose to the occasion in the second half and held the Cardinals scoreless. The opening second half drive consumed 12:39. Riggs fumbled to end a streak of 504 carries without one.

ATLANTA	14	3	0	16	—	33
St. Louis	0	13	0	0	—	13

Scoring

Atl.—Riggs 1 run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl.—Brown 17 pass from Archer (Luckhurst kick)
StL.—Mitchell 1 run (Lee kick)
Atl.—FG Luckhurst 42
StL.—Green 45 pass from Lomax (kick failed)
Atl.—Allen 22 pass from Archer (Luckhurst kick)
Atl.—Safety, Gann tackled Lomax in end zone
Atl.—Andrews 1 run (Luckhurst kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Cardinals
First Downs	23	15
Net Yards Gained	345	265
Rushing Yardage	193	106
Passing Yardage	152	159
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	24/10/0	26/12/1
Punts	5-46.0	6-41.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	1/1
Penalties	8/55	8/69
Sacks Allowed	2/9	1/8
Return Yds.	36	53
Time of Poss.	25:33	34:27

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 29-108-1td, Archer 5-36, Austin 5-23, Stamps 1-8, Andrews 2-8-1td, Jones 1-7.

Cardinals—Mitchell 17-65-1td, Ferrell 8-37, Lomax 1-4.

Passing

Falcons—Archer 24-10-0-160-2td-1sk.

Cardinals—Lomax 20-10-1-147-1td-2sk, Stoudt 5-2-0-21-0td-0sk, Mitchell 1-0-0.

Receiving

Falcons—C. Brown 4-63-1, Allen 2-46-1, Whisenhunt 2-21, Dixon 1-21, Riggs 1-9.

Cardinals—JT Smith 5-61, Green 3-66-1, Marsh 2-33, Mitchell 2-8.

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Game 3
Atlanta 37, Dallas 35
Texas Stadium (62,880)

Game 3 turned out to be an offensive shootout. Atlanta jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first quarter, only to see the Cowboys score 21 second quarter points to the Falcons' ten. After intermission, the Falcons scored quickly with a 15-yard touchdown pass from Archer to Whisenhunt and a Bobby Butler 33-yard interception return. Dallas answered with two more touchdowns, making the score 35-27 Dallas, with 8:56 left to play. The Falcons scored, after driving 78 yards on 11 plays, on a 2-yard touchdown run by Gerald Riggs. The Falcons defense held the Cowboys, and with 1:39 remaining, Atlanta got the ball on their own 20-yard line and drove 80 yards in 4 plays. Luckhurst's winner came with 20 seconds left.

ATLANTA	**3**	**10**	**14**	**10**	**—**	**37**
Dallas	**0**	**21**	**7**	**7**	**—**	**35**

Scoring

Atl.—FG Luckhurst 47
Dal.—Chandler 4 pass from White (Septien kick)
Atl.—FG Luckhurst 33
Atl.—Pitts 22 fumble return (Luckhurst kick)
Dal.—Newsome 2 run (Septien kick)
Dal.—Newsome 2 pass from White (Septien kick)
Atl.—Whisenhunt 18 pass from Archer (Luckhurst)
Atl.—Butler 33 interception return (Luckhurst kick)
Dal.—Hill 7 pass from White (Septien kick)
Dal.—Sherrard 22 pass from White (Septien kick)
Atl.—Riggs 2 run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl.—FG Luckhurst 18

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	26	22
Net Yards Gained	456	432
Rushing Yardage	187	152
Passing Yardage	233	280
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	29/15/0	30/23/1
Punts	1-55.0	2-44.5
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	3/3
Penalties	9/89	9/83
Sacks Allowed	6/40	2/17
Time of Poss.	34:10	25:50

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 25-109-1td, Archer 7-41, Austin 3-18, Stamps 2-13, Clark 1-6.

Cowboys—Dorsett 17-86, Walker 6-55, White 1-20.

Passing

Falcons—Archer 29-15-0-269-1td-5sk.

Cowboys—White 30-23-1-280-4td-2sk.

Receiving

Falcons—C. Brown 4-77, Dixon 3-89, Whisenhunt 2-39-1td, Allen 2-24, Cox 2-22, Williams 1-12, Austin 1-6.

Cowboys—Dorsett 6-43, Hill 4-104-1td, Newsome 4-24-1td, Sherrard 2-53-1td, Banks 2-24, Cosbie 2-17, Chandler 2-12-1td, Walker 1-3.

Game 4
Atlanta 23, Tampa Bay 20
Tampa Stadium (38,950)

The Falcons fell behind the Buccaneers 20-7 in the first half before rebounding behind a stingy defense which allowed the offense to come back in the second half. Atlanta's defense did not let the Bucs past midfield in the final 43 minutes of play. Given the opportunity, the offense controlled the ball 42:11 to the Bucs' 30:24. But, it was the defense that made the play of the game as Wendell Cason intercepted a pass with 2:20 remaining to set up the Falcons' game-tying drive. The Falcons scored on their second possession in overtime with a 34-yard field goal to win the game and give them the best start in club history, 4-0.

ATLANTA	7	0	7	6	3	—	23
Tampa Bay	3	17	0	0	0	—	20

Scoring

TB—FG 26 Igwebuike
Atl.—Dixon 27 pass from Archer (Luckhurst kick)
TB—FG 24 Igwebuike
TB—Magee 11 pass from Young (Igwebuike kick)
TB—Young 21 run (Igwebuike kick)
Atl—Riggs 1 run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl—FG 43 Luckhurst
Atl—FG 34 Luckhurst
Atl—FG 34 Luckhurst

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Buccaneers
First Downs	28	18
Net Yards Gained	490	322
Rushing Yardage	249	175
Passing Yardage	241	147
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	36/19/0	21/12/1
Punts	4-39.0	5-42.8
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	1/0
Penalties	13/90	7/42
Sacks Allowed	1/5	1/13
Return Rds.	20	4
Time of Poss.	42:11	30:24

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 27-129-1td, Austin 9-71, Archer 9-32, Stamps 1-14, Andrews 1-3

Buccaneers—Young 7-68-1td, Wonsley 19-65, Springs 10-42

Passing

Falcons—Archer 36-19-0-246-1td-1sk

Buccaneers—Young 21-12-1-160-1td-1sk

Receiving

Falcons—C. Brown 7-110, Dixon 3-58-1td, Allen 3-24, Cox 1-18, Stamps 1-15, Riggs 1-10, Williams 1-7, Andrews 1-2, Whisenhunt 1-2

Buccaneers—Springs 3-58, House 2-43, Giles 2-23, Magee 2-19-1td, Wonsley 2-8, Harris 1-9.

Game 5
Philadelphia 16, Atlanta 0
Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (57,104)

After a scoreless first quarter, the Eagles took the lead for good on an eight yard scoring toss from Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick. Paul McFadden added three field goals of 31, 33 and 21 yards to close out the scoring as Philadelphia knocked the Falcons from the unbeaten ranks. Rookie wide receiver Floyd Dixon caught eight passes for 146 yards. QB Dave Archer was sacked seven times by the stingy Eagles 4-6 defense. Philly fumbled seven times in the game but the Falcons only recovered one. The Falcon running game was held to 55 yards on 23 carries.

Philadelphia	0	10	0	6		—	16
ATLANTA	0	0	0	0		—	0

Scoring

Phil—Quick 8 pass from Jaworski (McFadden kick)
Phil—FG McFadden 31
Phil—FG McFadden 33
Phil—FG McFadden 21

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Eagles
First Downs	15	15
Net Yards Gained	228	309
Rushing Yardage	55	97
Passing Yardage	173	212
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	38/15/1	26/14/0
Punts	6/48	7/50
Fumbles/Lost	2/2	7/1
Penalties	3/20	8/85
Sacks Allowed	7/49	4/25
Return Yards	34	21
Time of Poss.	24:50	35:10

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 11-22, Austin 6-14, Archer 4-12, Stamps 2-7

Eagles—Byars 18-54, Haddix 10-22, Jaworski 5-11

Passing

Falcons—Archer 38-15-1-222-7sk

Eagles—Jaworski 26-14-237-1td-2sk, Cunningham 2sk

Receiving

Falcons—Dixon 8-146, Whisenhunt 3-15, Stamps 1-10, C. Brown 1-9, Jones 1-25, Cox 1-17

Eagles—Tautalatasi 4-93, R. Johnson 3-65, Quick 2-36-1td, Haddix 2-10, Garrity 1-16, Jackson 1-11, Spagnola 1-6

Game 6
Atlanta 26, LA Rams 14
Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (51,662)

The Falcons took the opening kickoff and marched to the Rams one-yard line before having to settle for a 23-yard field goal by Mick Luckhurst. Ex-Falcon QB Steve Bartkowski teamed up with Michael Young on an 18-yard TD pass to give LA a 7-3 advantage. It was all Atlanta after that as the Falcons scored 20 unanswered points on a pair of FG's by Luckhurst, and a short TD run by Gerald Riggs, and a 22-yard TD pass from Archer to C. Brown. The Falcons blocked a field goal and grabbed an interception on the day to stop crucial LA drives deep in Atlanta territory. Riggs powered for 141 yds. on 35 carries.

LA Rams	0	7	0	7	—	14
ATLANTA	3	7	10	6	—	26

Scoring

Atl.—FG Luckhurst 23
LA—Young 18 pass from Bartkowski (Lansford kick)
Atl.—Riggs 4-yd. run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl.—FG Luckhurst 32
Atl.—Brown 22-yd. pass from Archer (Luckhurst kick)
Atl.—FG Luckhurst 49
LA—Dickerson 1-yd. run (Lansford kick)
Atl.—FG Luckhurst 41

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Rams
First Downs	16	19
Net Yards Gained	275	290
Rushing Yardage	167	106
Passing Yardage	108	184
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	20-9-2	29-14-1
Punts	4-49	5-27
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	2-2
Penalties	10-94	8-67
Sacks Allowed	1-7	2-12
Return Yds.	38	70
Time of Poss.	34:17	25:43

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 35-141-1td, Andrews 3-13, Archer 3-8, Austin 2-3, Stamps 1-2
Rams—Dickerson 16-73-1td, Redden 8-33

Passing

Falcons—Archer 20-9-2-115-1td-1sk
Rams—Bartkowski 29-14-1-196-1td-2sk

Receiving

Falcons—Brown 3-54-1td, Dixon 2-30, Cox 2-18, Stamps 2-13
Rams—Hunter 5-71, Young 3-44-1td, Scott 2-37, Redden 1-8, Brown 1-5, Guman 1-3

Game 7
Atlanta 10, San Francisco 10 (OT)
Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (55,306)

The Falcons and 49ers were deadlocked after 75 minutes of play, recording the NFL's first tie of the season. Both teams combined for 610 yards of offense (Atlanta, 356 yds.) and committed eight turnovers between them. Trailing 10-3 in the fourth quarter, the Falcons got the ball back with only 1:44 showing on the clock. QB Dave Archer hit a 39-yard scoring strike to Sylvester Stamps on the first play to draw the Falcons even. Both teams had three possessions apiece in overtime but were unable to capitalize. This qualified as the longest game ever played in Falcon history. CB Bobby Butler was lost for the year with a broken leg.

San Francisco ..	7	3	0	0	—	10
ATLANTA	3	0	0	7	—	10

Scoring

SF—Craig 1 run (Wershing kick)
Atl.—FG Luckhurst 47
SF—FG Wershing 24
Atl.—Stamps 39 pass from Archer (Luckhurst kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	49ers
First Downs	21	17
Net Yards Gained	356	254
Rushing Yardage	217	115
Passing Yardage	139	139
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	35-16-3	30-13-2
Punts	7-31	7-39
Fumbles/Lost	2-2	4-1
Penalties	6-54	3-22
Sacks Allowed	5-37	1-7
Return Yds.	39	14
Time of Poss.	47:36	27:24

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 29-74, Stamps 6-43, Archer 5-35, Andrews 5-29, B. Johnson 4-20, Austin 2-13, Dixon 1-3
49ers—Craig 12-51, Cribbs 13-39, Rice 1-18, Kemp 5-10, Frank 1-3

Passing

Falcons—Archer 35-16-3-176-1td-5sk
49ers—Kemp 29-13-2-146-1sk, Moroski 1-0-0

Receiving

Falcons—Riggs 6-31, Stamps 3-63-1td, C. Brown 3-43, B. Johnson 3-35, Middleton 1-4
49ers—Cribbs 4-51, Rice 3-58, Clark 2-17, Crawford 1-8

Game 8
LA Rams 14, Atlanta 7
Anaheim Stadium (56,993)

The Rams took advantage of a Falcon miscue and, surprisingly, the arm of RB Eric Dickerson for all of their points in a 14-7 victory. LB Mark Jerue picked off a Dave Archer pass intended for Billy Johnson and went 22-yards for LA's first score. Then Dickerson took a handoff on a reverse, slopped, and threw 15 yards to TE David Hill in the end zone. Dickerson's legs did some serious damage too, in the form of 170 yards on 30 carries. CB James Britt scooped up a fumble and raced into the Falcon record book by running it back 65 yards for a score. It was the third longest fumble return in Falcon history. The 5-2-1 start was the best first half in club history.

ATLANTA	0	0	7	0	—	7
LA Rams.....	0	14	0	0	—	14

Scoring

LA—Jerue 22 interception return
LA—Hill 15 pass from Dickerson (Lansford kick)
Atl.—Britt 65 fumble return (Luckhurst kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Rams
First Downs	8	18
Net Yards Gained	151	335
Rushing Yardage	96	234
Passing Yardage	55	101
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	25-13-2	17-8-2
Punts	5-41	5-37.2
Penalties	3-25	7-45
Sacks Allowed	1-9	1-6
Return Yds.	39	69
Time of Poss.	25:07	34:53

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 15-43, Austin 4-29, Archer 2-15, Stamps 3-9
Rams—Dickerson 30-170, Redden 9-43, White 4-19, Guman 1-3

Passing

Falcons—Archer 22-11-1-53-1sk, Schonert 2-3-1-11
Rams—Dils 16-7-2-92-1sk, Dickerson 1-1-15-1td

Receiving

Falcons—Johnson 3-22, Riggs 3-16, Dixon 2-12, Cox 2-7, Stamps 2-3, C. Brown 1-4
Rams—Brown 2-40, Young 2-33, Redden 2-10, Hill 1-15-1td, Guman 1-9

Game 9
New England 25, Atlanta 17
Sullivan Stadium (60,597)

Even though the visiting Falcons held the ball longer (over 12:00 more) and had more total and rushing yardage, the Patriots made the most of their opportunities. After a Gerald Riggs 1-yard TD run gave Atlanta a 10-3 second quarter lead, New England put 22 straight points on the board. Highlighting the outburst was a 59-yard punt return by Irving Fryar and three Tony Franklin field goals. Riggs ended a solid day's effort (26-97) by capping an eight play, 69-yard drive with a 1-yard TD plunge to pull the Falcons within 25-17. But the Patriots ran off the next four minutes of the clock to claim the victory.

ATLANTA	3	7	0	7	—	17
New England ...	3	6	10	6	—	25

Scoring

Atl.—FG Luckhurst 41
NE—FG Franklin 32
Atl.—Riggs 1 run (Luckhurst kick)
NE—Collins 26 pass from Eason (kick failed)
NE—FG Franklin 33
NE—Fryar 59 punt return (Franklin kick)
NE—FG Franklin 31
NE—FG Franklin 32
Atl.—Riggs 1 run (Luckhurst kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Patriots
First Downs	21	16
Net Yards Gained	366	349
Rushing Yardage	218	86
Passing Yardage	148	263
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	27-16-0	31-15-1
Punts	5-46	5-39
Fumbles/Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties	10-64	10-73
Sacks Allowed	4-17	0-0
Return Yds.	10	73
Time of Poss.	36:13	23:47

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 26-97-2td, Stamps 3-55, Archer 6-41, Whisenhunt 1-20, Andrews 3-5
Patriots—Collins 8-32, Tatupu 8-29, Eason 1-1

Passing

Falcons—Archer 26-16-165-4sk, Riggs 1-0
Patriots—Eason 31-15-1-263-1td

Receiving

Falcons—C. Brown 6-40, Stamps 3-41, Whisenhunt 3-19, Cox 1-28, Jones 1-20, Dixon 1-9, Riggs 1-8
Patriots—Hawthorne 4-61, Collins 3-79-1td, Morgan 3-36, Fryar 2-58, Baty 1-16, Starring 1-9, Tatupu 1-4

Game 10
NY Jets 28, Atlanta 14
Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (53,476)

Looking forward to playing at home after two consecutive losses on the road, the Falcons ran smack into a hot Jets team in the midst of a seven-game winning streak. Both teams went scoreless in the first quarter but New York struck quickly on the first play of the second. Jets QB Ken O'Brien launched a 59-yard bomb to Al Toon to put the visitors up 7-0. O'Brien hooked up with Wesley Walker on two other scoring passes and Freeman McNeil's three yard TD run gave the Jets a 28-0 lead. Two Dave Archer TD tosses to Arthur Cox and Ken Whisenhunt were the only scores for the Falcons as Archer had a personal best 350 yards passing.

NY	0	21	7	0	—	28
ATLANTA	0	0	7	7	—	14

Scoring

NY—Toon 59 pass from O'Brien (Leahy kick)
NY—Walker 46 pass from O'Brien (Leahy kick)
NY—Walker 16 pass from O'Brien (Leahy kick)
NY—McNeil 3 run (Leahy kick)
Atl.—Cox 20 pass from Archer (Luckhurst kick)
Atl.—Whisenhunt 23 pass from Archer (Luckhurst kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Jets
First Downs	23	22
Net Yards Gained	393	426
Rushing Yardage	88	104
Passing Yardage	305	322
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	36-21-1	33-26-0
Punts	4-44	5-44
Fumbles/Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties	3-10	9-65
Sacks Allowed	4-45	0-0
Return Yds.	11	-3
Time of Poss.	24:19	35:41

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 12-35, Archer 4-23, Stamps 3-24, Dixon 1-6
Jets—McNeil 22-61-1td, Hector 13-41, Paige 2-2

Passing

Falcons—Archer 36-21-1-350-2td-4sk
Jets—O'Brien 33-26-0-322-3td

Receiving

Falcons—C. Brown 6-112, Dixon 6-77, Cox 4-108-1td, Stamps 3-28, Whisenhunt 2-25-1td
Jets—Toon 5-98-1td, Walker 5-85-2td, Shuler 4-43, Hector 4-41, McNeil 4-23, Paige 3-21, Townsell 1-11

Game 11
Chicago 13, Atlanta 10
Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (55,520)

The Falcons took a 10-0 lead on the defending Super Bowl champions and an upset was in the making. New placekicker Ali Haji-Sheikh (filling in for injured Mick Luckhurst) made good on his first try as a Falcon hitting a 37-yard FG to give the hosts a 3-0 advantage. The defense got into the act as LB Joel Williams picked off a Mike Tomczak pass and returned it 14-yards for a score. But, QB David Archer was lost for the year with a shoulder separation. The Bears got on the board right before half thanks to a 32-yard FG by Kevin Butler. A Tomczak to Moorehead connection netted 85 yards and set up the QB's TD sneak which tied things at 10-10. A 44-yarder by Butler in the third quarter provided the winning margin as the Falcons spirited effort just fell short. Atlanta's improving defense held Payton to only 69 yards rushing while Riggs tallied 92.

Chicago	0	3	10	0	—	13
ATLANTA	3	7	0	0	—	10

Scoring

Atl.—FG Haji-Sheikh 37
Atl.—Williams 14 interception return (Haji-Sheikh kick)
Chi.—FG Butler 32
Chi.—Tomczak 1 run (Butler kick)
Chi.—FG Butler 44

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Bears
First Downs	11	15
Net Yards Gained	159	368
Rushing Yardage	118	165
Passing Yardage	41	203
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	24-10-3	22-9-2
Punts	7-48	3-49
Fumbles/Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties	6-43	6-50
Sacks Allowed	5-39	0-0
Return Yds.	37	80
Time of Poss.	30:42	29:18

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 22-92, Archer 3-18, Stamps 2-2, Bailey 1-6
Bears—Payton 20-69, Thomas 7-25, Suhey 5-21, Tomczak 6-36-1td, Gentry 1-14

Passing

Falcons—Archer 12-5-44-3sk, Schonert 12-5-3-36-2sk
Bears—Tomczak 22-9-2-203

Receiving

Falcons—C. Brown 5-60, Riggs 2-4, Jones 1-10, Middleton 1-4, Cox 1-2
Bears—Suhey 3-16, Gault 2-76, Payton 2-6, Moorehead 1-85, Wrightman 1-20

Game 12
San Francisco 20, Atlanta 0
Candlestick Park (58,747)

San Francisco QB Joe Montana returned too quickly from back surgery for Falcons fans. Montana hit 21-32 for 233 yards and one TD to lead the 49ers to a shutout. Roger Craig became only the second runner to eclipse 100 yards (17/101) against the hard-nosed Falcon defense. A short two-yard Montana to Jerry Rice pass gave the Niners a 7-0 lead on their first possession of the afternoon. Two Ray Wershing FG's of 36 and 26 yards, respectively, and a 76 yard punt return by Don Griffin ended the scoring for SF. Decimated by injuries, especially on offense, the Falcons managed only 229 total yards.

ATLANTA	0	0	0	0	—	0
San Francisco ..	7	13	0	0	—	20

Scoring

SF—Rice 2 pass from Montana (Wershing kick)
SF—FG Wershing 36
SF—Griffin 76 punt return (Wershing kick)
SF—FG Wershing 26

Team Statistics

	Falcons	49ers
First Downs	12	21
Net Yards Gained	229	365
Rushing Yardage	75	155
Passing Yardage	154	210
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	38-22-1	34-23-0
Punts	9-44.3	7-45.7
Fumbles/Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties	4-24	5-40
Sacks Allowed	8-80	4-36
Return Yds.	113	117
Time of Poss.	27:34	32:26

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 10-25, Stamps 3-36, Schonert 2-7, Andrews 1-1

49ers—Craig 17-101, Cribbs 8-15, Rathman 4-23, Harmon 3-10, Ring 3-4, Montana 1-2

Passing

Falcons—Schonert 35-21-1-227-7sk, Campbell 3-1-7-1sk

49ers—Montana 32-21-233-1td-4sk, Kemp 2-2-13

Receiving

Falcons—Brown 5-45, Jones 4-86, Stamps 3-31, Dixon 3-31, Whisenhunt 2-21, Riggs 2-11

49ers—Craig 5-15, Clark 4-83, Rice 4-47-1td, Harmon 3-36, Rathman 3-24

SCOTT CASE

GERALD RIGGS

Game 13
Atlanta 20, Miami 14
Orange Bowl (53,762)

The Falcons jumped all over the Dolphins early intercepting QB Dan Marino on the game's first possession. Schonert found Charlie Brown for a 37 yard completion and Gerald Riggs crashed over from the one to put Atlanta on top 7-0 at 7:53 of the first quarter. Haji-Sheikh nailed a 32-yard FG the next time they got their hands on the ball and the Falcons were up 10-0 at halftime. After a 54-yard TD pass to Mark Duper, the Falcons put together a strong, 69-yard, 7-play drive which culminated in a 4-yard TD jaunt by Schonert. A 47-yard FG by Haji-Sheikh followed and Miami added a late TD with under two minutes left for the final margin. Riggs rushed for 172 yards, the third best day ever by a Falcon back, on 33 carries and went over 1,000 yards for a third consecutive season. The victory breaks a six-game winless streak and brings the Falcons to 6-6-1.

ATLANTA	10	0	0	10	—	20
Miami	0	0	7	7	—	14

Scoring

Atl.—Riggs 1 run (Haji-Sheikh kick)
Atl.—FG Haji-Skeikh 32
Mia.—Duper 54 pass from Marino (Reveiz kick)
Atl.—Schonert 4 run (Haji-Sheikh kick)
Atl.—FG Haji-Sheikh 47
Mia.—Jensen 20 pass from Marino (Reveiz kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Dolphins
First Downs	13	16
Net Yards Gained	362	375
Rushing Yardage	219	72
Passing Yardage	143	303
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	13-8-0	40-20-4
Punts	4-46.8	3-46.7
Fumbles/Lost	1-1	3-0
Penalties	6-43	9-76
Sacks Allowed	0-0	0-0
Return Yds.	82	82
Time of Poss.	32:34	27:26

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 33-172-1td, Andrews 4-23, Schonert 4-12-1td, Stamps 2-8

Dolphins—Hampton 10-43, Davenport 5-15, Marino 2-8, Nathan 1-6

Passing

Falcons—Schonert 13-8-143
Dolphins—Marino 40-20-4-303-2td

Receiving

Falcons—C. Brown 4-90, K. Williams 1-30, Cox 1-11, Riggs 1-6, Andrews 1-6

Dolphins—Duper 4-115-1td, Nathan 3-31, Pruitt 2-27, Hardy 2-24, Moore 2-36, Jensen 2-32-1td

Game 14
Indianapolis 28, Atlanta 23
Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (30,397)

Still in the playoff hunt, the Falcons could only score three points in the crucial fourth quarter and gave up 14 to the Colts to lose. The Schonert-led offense registered 17 points in the first half behind a pair of scoring strikes to Keith Williams (32-yards), and Charlie Brown (14-yards), and a short Haji-Sheikh FG. A Gary Hogeboom to Matt Bouza 7-yard TD toss, offset by two Haji-Sheikh FG's, put the Colts within striking distance at 23-14. Hogeboom teamed up with Bill Brooks to make it 23-21, and with only :20 left in the game, CB Eugene Daniel blocked Rick Donnelly's punt and returned it 13-yards for the winning score. Riggs scampered for his second straight 100-yard performance (30-136) and fifth of the year.

Indianapolis	7	0	7	14	—	28
ATLANTA	14	3	3	3	—	23

Scoring

Atl.—Williams 32 pass from Schonert (Haji-Sheikh kick)
IN—Bentley 2 run (Biasucci kick)
Atl.—Brown 14 pass from Schonert (Haji-Sheikh kick)
IN—Bouza 7 pass from Hogeboom (Biasucci kick)
Atl.—FG Haji Sheikh 45
Atl.—FG Haji Sheikh 26
IN—Brooks 2 pass from Hogeboom (Biasucci kick)
IN—Daniel 13-yd. return blocked punt (Biasucci kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Colts
First Downs	25	14
Net Yards Gained	408	225
Rushing Yardage	219	74
Passing Yardage	189	151
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	28-17-0	29-15-3
Punts	4-23	5-36
Fumbles/Lost	4-3	1-0
Penalties	5-33	6-35
Sacks Allowed	3-33	3-16
Return Yds.	46	0
Time of Poss.	36:52	23:08

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 30-136, Andrews 8-23, Dixon 4-52, K. Williams 1-8

Colts—McMillan 15-67, Bentley 4-7-1td

Passing

Falcons—Schonert 28-17-122-2td-3sk
Colts—Hogeboom 29-15-3-167-2td-3sk

Receiving

Falcons—Dixon 4-59, K. Williams 2-37-1td, C. Brown 2-23-1td, Riggs 3-13

Colts—Bouza 4-34-1td, Beach 3-54, McMillan 3-23, Brooks 2-30-1td

Game 15
New Orleans 14, Atlanta 9
Atlanta Fulton County Stadium (39,994)

In a closely-contested affair, both teams were just about even in every statistical category but one, turnovers. The Falcons turned the ball over three times while the Saints only gave it up once. New Orleans took the lead late in the first quarter on a Wade Wilson to Eric Martin seven-yard scoring pass. The score remained 7-0 until the third quarter when Ken Whisenhunt grabbed a short TD from Turk Schonert. The extra point attempt failed but Haji-Sheikh hit the uprights from 43-yards out to give the Falcons a 9-7 advantage. The Saints, though, put together a 12-play, 75-yard winning drive which was highlighted by two Wilson completions of 28 and 24 yards, respectively. The Falcons drove to the Saints five-yard line as time ran out. Schonert was 24-36 for 185 yards in the game but was intercepted twice and fumbled after being sacked at the Saints 14-yard line.

New Orleans	7	0	0	7	—	14
ATLANTA	0	0	6	3	—	9

Scoring

NO—Martin 7 pass from Wilson (Andersen kick)
Atl.—Whisenhunt 3 pass from Schonert (kick failed)
Atl.—FG Haji-Sheikh 43
NO—Wilson 6 run (Andersen kick)

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Saints
First Downs	18	14
Net Yards Gained	247	241
Rushing Yardage	62	80
Passing Yardage	185	161
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	36-24-2-1td	23-13-1-1td
Punts	6-42	7-34
Fumbles/Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties	6-35	6-41
Sacks Allowed	6-53	1-9
Return Yds.	29	25
Time of Poss.	29:15	30:45

Rushing

Falcons—Riggs 13-50, Andrews 2-5, B. Johnson 2-5, Matthews 1-12

Saints—Mayes 27-51, Jordan 4-8, D. Wilson 4-7, Hilliard 1-12, W. Wilson 1-2

Passing

Falcons—Schonert 36-24-2-238-1td-6sk
Saints—D. Wilson 23-13-1-170-1td-1sk

Receiving

Falcons—K. Williams 6-75, Dixon 5-46, Cox 5-41, C. Brown 2-34, Bailey 2-18, Riggs 2-12, Andrews 1-9, Whisenhunt 1-3-1td

Saints—Martin 4-55-1td, Edwards 3-52, Jones 3-32, Brenner 1-18, Tice 1-9, Jordan 1-4

Game 16
Atlanta 20, Detroit 6
Pontiac Silverdome (35,255)

The Falcons gave retiring 18-year veteran Jeff Van Note the perfect going away present in the form of a 20-6 victory over the Lions. After a classic '57 Chevy was presented to the classic veteran #57 of 246 games, last week at home, the Falcons went to work in his final game. A 21-yard TD pass from Schonert to Floyd Dixon started the scoring for Atlanta late in the first quarter. By the fourth, the Falcons were up 17-0 and in command. An 81-yard punt return by the Lions Pete Mandley closed the gap to 17-6 (kick failed), but the Falcons controlled the ball the rest of the way to end the season in high fashion. Atlanta's final tally in time of possession read 39:10 compared to only 21:50 for Detroit. RB William Andrews rushed 18 times for an impressive 76 yards which figured out to a 4.2 average per carry.

ATLANTA	7	7	3	3	—	20
Detroit	0	0	0	6	—	6

Scoring

Atl.—Dixon 21 pass from Schonert (Haji-Sheikh kick)
Atl.—Riggs 1 run (Haji-Sheikh kick)
Atl.—FG Haji-Sheikh 25
Det.—Mandley 81 punt return (kick failed)
Atl.—FG Haji-Sheikh 21

Team Statistics

	Falcons	Lions
First Downs	17	12
Net Yards Gained	238	193
Rushing Yardage	119	120
Passing Yardage	119	73
Passes/Comp/Had Intc.	24-17-1	28-11-1
Punts	5-48.6	5-44.8
Fumbles/Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties	1-5	2-18
Sacks Allowed	3-33	3-13
Return Yds.	81	226
Time of Poss.	39:10	21:50

Rushing

Falcons—Andrews 18-76, Riggs 11-25, Austin 3-6, Dixon 2-9

Lions—Jones 11-67, James 11-35, Hunter 1-18

Passing

Falcons—Schonert 24-17-1-152-1td-3sk
Lions—Long 15-8-1-46-2sk, Ferguson 13-3-40-1sk

Receiving

Falcons—Dixon 4-39-1td, Whisenhunt 4-39, C. Brown 3-35, Riggs 2-16

Lions—Thompson 3-39, Jones 3-12, Hunter 2-15, Jones 2-11

Final 1986 NFL Standings

National Football Conference

EASTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*N.Y. Giants	14	2	0	.875	371	236
**Washington	12	4	0	.750	368	296
Dallas	7	9	0	.438	346	337
Philadelphia	5	10	1	.344	256	312
St. Louis	4	11	1	.281	218	351

CENTRAL DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*Chicago	14	2	0	.875	352	187
Minnesota	9	7	0	.563	398	273
Detroit	5	11	0	.313	277	326
Green Bay	4	12	0	.250	254	418
Tampa Bay	2	14	0	.125	239	473

WESTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*San Francisco	10	5	1	.656	374	247
**L.A. Rams	10	6	0	.625	309	267
Atlanta	7	8	1	.469	280	280
New Orleans	7	9	0	.438	288	287

American Football Conference

EASTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*New England	11	5	0	.688	412	307
**NY Jets	10	6	0	.625	364	386
Miami	8	8	0	.500	430	405
Buffalo	4	12	0	.250	287	348
Indianapolis	3	13	0	.188	229	400

CENTRAL DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*Cleveland	12	4	0	.750	391	310
Cincinnati	10	6	0	.625	409	394
Pittsburgh	6	10	0	.375	307	336
Houston	5	11	0	.313	274	329

WESTERN DIVISION

	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Op.
*Denver	11	5	0	.688	378	327
**Kansas City	10	6	0	.625	358	326
Seattle	10	6	0	.625	366	293
L.A. Raiders	8	8	0	.500	323	346
San Diego	4	12	0	.250	335	396

*Division Champion
**Wild Card for Playoffs

PLAYOFFS

AFC Wild Card Game:	@ N.Y. Jets 35, Kansas City 15
NFC Wild Card Game:	@ Washington 19, L.A. Rams 7
AFC Divisional Playoffs:	@ Cleveland 23, N.Y. Jets 20 (OT) @ Denver 22, New England 17
NFC Divisional Playoffs:	Washington 27, @ Chicago 13 @ N.Y. Giants 49, San Francisco 3
AFC Championship Game:	Denver 23, @ Cleveland 20 (OT)
NFC Championship Game:	@ N.Y. Giants 17, Washington 0
Super Bowl XXI: (@ Pasadena, Calif.)	N.Y. Giants 39, Denver 20
Pro Bowl:	AFC 10, NFC 6

INJURIES

Player	Injury	When Injured	Time Missed
A. Allen	knee	Dallas 9/21	12 games
W. Andrews	knee	N.Y. Jets 11/9	1 game
D. Archer	shoulder	Chicago 11/16	out for season (5)
S. Bailey	hamstring	Preseason	8 games
Bobby Butler	leg	San Francisco 10/19	out for season (9)
T. Green	calf	Preseason	5 games
G. Howe	back	Preseason	6 games
B. Johnson	arch	Preseason	12 games
J. Jones	hamstring	San Francisco 11/23	out for season (4)
Jeff Kiewel	knee	Preseason	out for season (16)
M. Landrum	knee	Preseason	out for season (16)
M. Luckhurst	back	Prior/New England 11/2	6 games
A. Matthews	hamstring	Preseason	12 games
B. Miller	knee	L.A. Rams 10/12	3 games
	knee	San Francisco 11/23	out for season (4)
J. Pellegrini	back	Preseason	8 games
J. Rade	ankle	New Orleans 12/14	out for season (1)
E. Sanders	back	San Francisco 10/19	4 games
J. Scully	leg	Indianapolis 12/7	out for season (2)
D. Sharp	shoulder	Preseason	out for season (16)
S. Stamps	hamstring	Miami 11/30	2 games
K. Williams	neck	L.A. Rams 10/26	5 games

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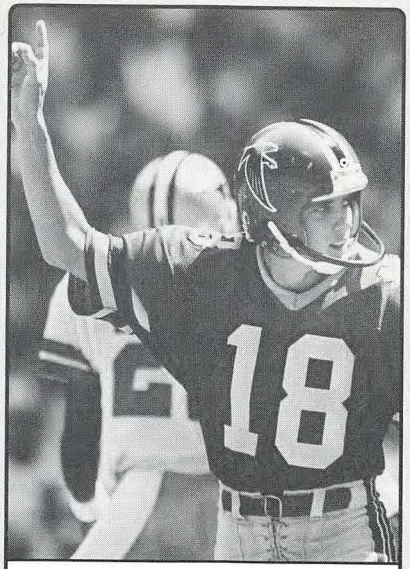
CLUB RECORDS



Team Records

Total Games Played: 305
Regular Season Record: 118-182-5 (21 seasons)
Playoff Games Played: 4
Playoff Record: 1-3
Most Games Won, Season: 12 in 1980 (all regular)
10 in 1978 (9 reg.-1 play.)
Best Winning Percentage, Overall Season: .706 in 1980 (12-5)
.643 in 1973 (9-5)
Best Winning Percentage, Regular Season: .750 in 1980 (12-4)
Fewest Games Won, Season: 1 in 1967 (.077-1-12-1)
Playoff Berths: 3 1978, 1980, 1982
Division Titles: 1 1980

CONSECUTIVES

Most Consecutive Wins
9 (1980)
7 (1973)
6 (Last 2 '85–1st 4 '86)

Most Consecutive Losses
11 (Last 7 '67–1st 4 '68)
9 (1st 9 played; 1984)

ATTENDANCE

Largest Home Attendance
60,022 (1-5-81 vs Dallas–Playoffs)
59,257 (10-30-77 vs Minn.)
83,437 (11-26-67 at New Orleans Tulane Stadium)

SCORING

Most Points, Season
426 in 1981
405 in 1980
370 in 1983

Most Points, Game
62 vs Saints (7)
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
48 vs Bears (31)
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
47 vs Packers (41), OT
Nov. 27, 1983 (H)

Most Points, First Half
34 vs Detroit
Oct. 5, 1980 (H)

Most Points, Second Half
38 vs Saints,
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)

Most Points, One Quarter
31 vs Green Bay, (A)
Sept. 13, 1981 (4th Qt)

Most Points, Each Quarter
1st: 21 vs Houston
Sept. 23, 1984 (H)
2nd: 24 vs New Orleans,
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
3rd: 24 vs New Orleans,
Oct. 19, 1980 (A)
4th: 31 vs Green Bay,
Sept. 13, 1981 (A)

Most Points, Both Teams, Game
90 Falcons (33) vs Steelers (59),
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)
88 Falcons (47) vs Packers (41),
Nov. 27, 1983 (H)
79 Falcons (48) vs Bears (31),
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
79 Falcons (38) vs Lions (41),
Oct. 3, 1971 (A)

Most Points, Both Teams, By Quarter
1st: 34 Falcons (13)–Raiders (21)
Nov. 30, 1975 (A)
2nd: 41 Falcons (20)–Saints (21)
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)
3rd: 35 Falcons (14)–Steelers (21)
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)
4th: 31 Falcons (24)–Eagles (7)
Nov. 11, 1973 (A)

Most Touchdowns, Season
52 in 1981
50 in 1980
46 in 1983

Most Touchdowns, Game
8 vs New Orleans,
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
6 vs Chicago,
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
6 vs New Orleans,
Dec. 7, 1969 (H)
6 vs Houston,
Sept. 23, 1984 (H)

Most Touchdowns, Both Teams, Game
12 Atlanta (5) vs Pittsburgh (7)
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

Most PAT's, Season
51 in 1981
46 in 1980
43 in 1983

Most PAT's, Game
8 vs New Orleans,
Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
6 Three times

Most PAT's, Both Teams
10 Atlanta (6) vs Bears (4)
Nov. 16, 1969 (H)
10 Atlanta (5) vs Packers (5)
Nov. 27, 1983 (A)
10 Atlanta (5) vs Lions (5)
Oct. 3, 1971 (A)

Most FG's, Season
26 in 1973 (38 att.)
24 in 1985 (31 att.)
23 in 1986 (36 att.)

Most FG's Made, Game
5 vs Los Angeles,
Nov. 4, 1973 (H)
5 vs Los Angeles,
Oct. 30, 1978 (H)

Most FG's Made, Both Teams
7 Atlanta (5) vs LA Rams (2)
Nov. 4, 1973 (H)
7 Atlanta (1) vs St. Louis (6)
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Most FG's Attempted, Game
6 vs San Francisco, (3 made)
Oct. 7, 1973 (H)

Most FG's Attempted, Both Teams
10 Atlanta (3) vs St. Louis (7)
Dec. 11, 1966 (H)

FIRST DOWNS

Most First Downs, Season
336 in 1980
325 in 1983
318 in 1981

Most First Downs, Game
35 vs New Orleans,
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most First Downs, Both Teams
59 Atlanta (35) vs New Orleans (24)
Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most First Downs, Rushing, Season
149 in 1985
149 in 1986
145 in 1980

Most First Downs, Rushing, Game
19 vs New Orleans
Oct. 24, 1971 (H)

Most First Downs, Passing, Season
190 in 1983
176 in 1981
166 in 1980

Most First Downs, Passing, Game
21 vs St. Louis,
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)

Most First Downs, Penalty, Season
31 in 1978
27 in 1979
26 in 1981

Most First Downs, Penalty, Game
7 vs Cleveland,
Sept. 27, 1981 (A)

TOTAL YARDS

Most Net Yards Gained, Season
5,661 in 1981
5,650 in 1980
5,628 in 1983

Most Yards Gained, Game
563 vs St. Louis, (209-R, 354-P)
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Game, Both Teams
1,061 Atlanta (552) vs New Orleans (509), Sept. 2, 1979 (A)

Most Total Plays, Season
1,144 in 1981
1,090 in 1985
1,086 in 1986

RUSHING

Most Yards Gained, Season
2,524 in 1986
2,466 in 1985
2,406 in 1980

Most Yards Gained, Game
297 vs. L.A. Rams,
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)

Most Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game
476 Atlanta (169) vs Washington (307), Nov. 3, 1985 (H)

Most Rushing Attempts, Season
582 in 1977
578 in 1986
559 in 1980
559 in 1985

Most Rushing Attempts, Game
58 vs Tampa Bay,
Nov. 27, 1977 (A)

Most Rushing Attempts, Both Teams, Game
105 Atlanta (43) vs Raiders (62),
Nov. 30, 1975 (A)

Best Rushing Average, Season
4.523 in 1969
4.520 in 1983
4.411 in 1985

Most TD's Rushing, Season
18 in 1973
17 in 1983
16 in 1984
16 in 1972

Most TD's Rushing, Game
5 vs San Diego,
Oct. 21, 1973 (A)

PASSING

Most Net Yards Passing, Season
3,700 in 1981
3,404 in 1983
3,244 in 1980

Most Net Yards Passing, Game
416 vs Pittsburgh
Nov. 15, 1981 (H)

Most Net Yards Passing, Both Teams, Game
722 Atlanta (378) vs St. Louis (344)
Nov. 9, 1980 (A)

Most Passing Attempts, Season
563 in 1981
507 in 1983
478 in 1979
478 in 1984

Most Passing Attempts, Game
56 vs L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982 (34 comp) (H)

Most Passing Attempts, Both Teams, Game
102 Atlanta (45) vs San Francisco (47), Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

Most Passes Completed, Season
321 in 1983 (507 att.)
311 in 1981 (563 att.)
294 in 1984 (478 att.)

Most Passes Completed, Game
34 vs L.A. Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982 (56 att.) (H)

Most Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game
68 Atlanta (31) vs San Francisco (37), Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

Best Completion Percentage, Season
64.0 in 1982
63.3 in 1983
61.5 in 1984

Most TD Passes, Season
31 in 1980
30 in 1981
24 in 1983

Most TD Passes, Game
4 Six times–Most recent vs St. Louis, Oct. 18, 1981

Most TD Passes, Both Teams, Game
7 Atlanta (1) vs Cleveland (6) Oct. 30, 1966 (H)
7 Atlanta (3) vs Pittsburgh (4) Nov. 3, 1968 (A)
7 Atlanta (2) vs Pittsburgh (5) Nov. 15, 1981 (H)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Season
31 in 1974 (355 att.)
29 in 1975 (388 att.)
27 in 1966 (381 att.)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Game
6 vs L.A. Rams, Oct. 1, 1972 (H)

Most Passes Had Intercepted, Both Teams, Game
8 Atlanta (3) vs Denver (5), Nov. 23, 1975 (H)

Fewest Passes, Intercepted, Season
10 in 1983 (507 att.)
11 in 1982 (275 att.)
12 in 1973 (320 att.)
12 in 1969 (282 att.)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Season
70 in 1968 (527 yds.)
69 in 1985 (531 yds.)
67 in 1984 (496 yds.)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Game
11 vs Cleveland, Nov. 18, 1984 (A)
11 vs St. Louis, Nov. 23, 1968 (A)

Most Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Game, Both Teams
17 Atlanta (8) vs Philadelphia (9), Dec. 14, 1984 (H)

Fewest Times Passer Thrown For Loss, Season
25 in 1982 (219 att.)
31 in 1971 (239 att.)
32 in 1975 (294 att.)

PUNTING

Highest Punting Average, Season
44.32 in 1968
43.69 in 1967
43.30 in 1986

Most Punts, Season
110 in 1978
106 in 1977
101 in 1976

Most Punts, Game
12 vs Washington, Dec. 10, 1978 (H)

PUNT RETURNS

Highest Punt Return Average, Season
12.5 in 1974
11.4 in 1982
10.6 in 1983

Most Punt Returns, Season
60 in 1976
53 in 1980
51 in 1974
51 in 1977

Most Punt Returns, Game
8 vs Chicago, Oct. 13, 1974 (H)
8 vs San Francisco, Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Most Yards Gained, Season
635 in 1974
536 in 1980
489 in 1983

Most Yards Gained, Game
137 vs New Orleans,
Oct. 25, 1970 (H)

Most TD Returns, Season
2 in 1970

Most TD Returns, Game
1 Four Times, Most Recent
Oct. 23, 1983, vs NY Jets (A)

KICKOFF RETURNS

Highest Kickoff Return Average, Season
25.03 in 1971
22.89 in 1981
21.89 in 1978

Most Kickoff Returns, Season
82 in 1966
73 in 1979
72 in 1985

Most Kickoff Returns, Game
10 vs Pittsburgh,
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

Most Yards Gained, Season
1,737 in 1966
1,477 in 1971
1,471 in 1967

Most Yards Gained, Game
209 vs Pittsburgh,
Dec. 18, 1966 (H)

Most TD Returns, Season
1 (1967, 1969, 1978, 1985)

TURNOVERS/TAKEAWAYS

Most Fumbles Had, Season
42 in 1972
42 in 1978
39 three times

Most Fumbles Lost, Season
24 in 1974
21 in 1973, 1976, 1984

Most Fumbles Had, Game
7 vs L.A. Rams,
Sept. 28, 1969 (A)

Most Fumbles Lost, Game
5 vs New Orleans,
Oct. 15, 1972 (A)
5 vs New Orleans,
Oct. 10, 1976 (A)

Most Turnovers, Season
55 in 1974 (24 Fum.–31 Int.)
48 in 1975 (19 Fum.–29 Int.)
45 in 1976 (21 Fum.–24 Int.)

Most Fumbles by Opponents, Season
45 in 1978
43 in 1981
37 in 1969

Most Fumbles By Opponents Recovered, Season
27 in 1969
25 in 1978
22 in 1976 and 1977

Most Fumbles by Opponents, Game
5 Six Times

Most Takeaways, Season
48 in 1977
46 in 1969
46 in 1981

Most Turnovers, Season
55 in 1974
48 in 1975
45 in 1976

Biggest Turnover Differential, Season
+23 in 1977 (48 Take, 25 Turn)
+16 in 1980 (42 Take, 26 Turn)
+15 in 1969 (46 Take, 31 Turn)

Biggest Turnover Deficit, Season
−26 in 1974 (29 Take, 55 Turn)
−12 in 1966 (32 Take, 44 Turn)
−12 in 1967 (27 Take, 39 Turn)

QUARTERBACK SACKS

Most Sacks, Season
47 in 1978
46 in 1980
42 in 1977 and 1985

Most Sack Yardage, Season
425 in 1978
396 in 1980
391 in 1977

Most Sacks, Game
9 vs N.Y. Giants,
Oct. 2, 1977

PENALTIES

Most Penalties, Season
130 in 1978 (1,083 yds.)
125 in 1985 (1,149 yds.)
125 in 1984 (1,011 yds.)

Most Penalties, Game
17 vs San Francisco,
Nov. 5, 1978 (A)

Fewest Penalties, Season
63 in 1969 (601 yds.)
63 in 1968 (659 yds.)
65 in 1973 (593 yds.)

Fewest Penalties, Game
1 Seven Times–Most Recent
vs Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1980

Most Yards, Penalties, Game
153 vs Green Bay, Dec. 26, 1972
(16 penalties) (H)

BUDDY CURRY

Defensive Bests

POINTS

Fewest Points Allowed, Season
129 in 1977

Fewest Points Allowed, Game
0 Seven Times–Most Recent
vs New Orleans, 1982

Fewest TD's Allowed, Season
15 in 1977

FIRST DOWNS

Fewest First Downs, Season
170 in 1982
192 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Game
7 vs Green Bay,
Nov. 22, 1974 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Game
7 vs Green Bay,
Nov. 22, 1971 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season
66 in 1982

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game
1 vs L.A. Rams,
Sept. 18, 1977 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season
76 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game
0 vs L.A. Rams,
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

YARDS

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Season
2,848 in 1982
3,242 in 1977

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Game
78 vs Tampa Bay (62-R, 16-P)
Nov. 27, 1977

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Season
1,044 in 1982
1,630 in 1980

Fewest Yards Allowed, Rushing, Game
34 vs Buffalo,
Dec. 18, 1983 (H) (11 Att.)

Fewest Rushing, Attempts, Game
11 vs Detroit,
Sept. 18, 1983 (34 yards)
11 vs Buffalo,
Dec. 18, 1983 (45 yards)

Fewest TDs Allowed, Rushing, Season
5 in 1977

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Season
1,384 in 1977

Fewest Net Yards Allowed, Game
9 vs St. Louis,
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest Passing Attempts, Game
8 vs Green Bay, (3 Comp.),
Nov. 22, 1971 (H)

Fewest Passes Completed, Game
2 vs St. Louis, (10 Att.),
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest TDs Allowed, Passing, Season
9 in 1971
9 in 1977

Game Records—The Fewest

POINTS

Fewest Points Scored, Season
111 in 1974
170 in 1968
172 in 1976

Fewest Points Scored, Game
0 15 Times–Most Recent
Oct. 5, 1968 by Eagles (H)

Fewest Points Scored, Game, Both Teams
3 Atlanta (0) vs Buffalo (3),
Oct. 16, 1977 (A)
7 Atlanta (7) vs San Francisco (0),
Oct. 9, 1977 (A)

Fewest Touchdowns, Season
12 in 1974
20 in 1968
20 in 1976
20 in 1977

Fewest PAT's, Season
12 in 1974
17 in 1968
19 in 1976

Fewest FG's, Season
4 in 1975
7 in 1967
9 in 1966, 1970, 1974

Fewest First Downs, Season
178 in 1968
178 in 1974

Fewest First Downs, Game
2 vs L.A. Rams,
Sept. 23, 1973

Fewest First Downs, Game, Both Teams
14 Atlanta (5) vs Minnesota (9),
Dec. 21, 1969 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Season
68 in 1967

Fewest First Downs, Rushing, Game
0 vs L.A. Rams,
Dec. 1, 1974 (H)

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Season
80 in 1977

Fewest First Downs, Passing, Game
0 vs Chicago,
Nov. 24, 1985

Fewest First Downs, Penalty, Season
9 in 1968

TOTAL YARDS

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Season
2,800 in 1974

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Game
44 vs San Francisco,
Oct. 23, 1976 (83-R, - 39-P)

Fewest Net Yards Gained, Both Teams
253 Atlanta (155) vs San Francisco
(97) Nov. 6, 1977 (A)

RUSHING

Fewest Yards Gained, Season
1179 in 1982
1303 in 1967

Fewest Yards Gained, Game
19 vs L.A. Rams,
Dec. 1, 1974 (H)

Fewest Yards Gained, Both Teams, Game
109 Atlanta (49) vs Miami (60),
Sept. 21, 1980 (H)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Season
309 in 1982
344 in 1967

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Game
14 vs Dallas,
Nov. 5, 1967 (A)

Fewest Rushing Attempts, Both Teams, Game
37 Atlanta (18) vs San Francisco (19),
Oct. 6, 1985 (H)

PASSING

Fewest Net Yards, Season
1,307 in 1974

Fewest Net Yards, Game
(−39) vs San Francisco,
Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Fewest Net Yards, Both Teams, Game
37 Atlanta (−39) vs San Francisco (76),
Oct. 23, 1976 (A)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Season
275 in 1982 (176 Comp.)
282 in 1969 (149 Comp.)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Game
9 vs Chicago,
Sept. 17, 1972 (A)
9 vs L.A. Rams,
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)
9 vs L.A. Rams,
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

Fewest Passes Attempted, Both Teams, Game
21 Atlanta (9) vs Chicago (12),
Sept. 17, 1972 (A)

Fewest Passes Completed, Season
140 in 1977 (297 Att.)

Fewest Passes Completed, Game
2 vs L.A. Rams,
Oct. 1, 1972 (H)
2 vs L.A. Rams,
Sept. 23, 1973 (A)

Fewest Passes Completed, Both Teams, Game
10 Atlanta (6) vs Minnesota (4),
Dec. 21, 1969 (H)
10 Atlanta (6) vs Chicago (4),
Sept. 17, 1972
10 Atlanta (8) vs St. Louis (2),
Dec. 9, 1973 (H)

Fewest Sacks Allowed, Season
25 in 1982
31 in 1971

Fewest Touchdown Passes, Season
4 in 1974

PUNTING

Fewest Punts, Season
43 in 1982
60 in 1971

Fewest Punts, Game
1 vs Detroit,
Oct. 3, 1971 (A)

PENALTIES

Fewest Penalties, Season
63 in 1968 (659 yards)
63 in 1969 (601 yards)

Fewest Penalties, Game
1 Seven Times–Most Recent
Dec. 7, 1980 vs Philadelphia (A)

Fewest Yards Penalties, Season
593 in 1973 (65 penalties)

FUMBLES

Fewest Fumbles, Season
14 in 1982
20 in 1967

Fewest Fumbles Lost, Season
9 in 1977
9 in 1980

Opponents Game Bests

TEAM

Most Points Scored:	59 by L.A. Rams, Dec. 4, 1976 (A)
Points By Quarters:	1st: 24 Philadelphia, Oct. 8, 1967 (H) 2nd: 28 Minnesota, Sept. 14, 1968 (A) 28 St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978 (A) 28 Washington, Nov. 3, 1985 (H) 3rd: 21 Minnesota, Sept. 16, 1984 (A) 21 Pittsburgh, Dec. 18, 1966 (H) 21 Green Bay, Oct. 6, 1968 (H) 21 Miami, Nov. 3, 1974 (A) 4th: 24 Los Angeles, Nov. 19, 1967 (H)
Most Yards Gained:	595 by Baltimore Colts, Nov. 12, 1967 (169-R, 426-P) (H)
Most Yards Rushing:	307 by Washington, (37 Att.), Nov. 3, 1985 (H)
Most Rushing Attempts:	65 by Minnesota, (211 yds.), Nov. 9, 1975 (A)
Most TD's Rushing:	7 by L.A. Rams, Dec. 4, 1976 (A)
Most Net Yards Passing:	426 by Baltimore Colts, Nov. 12, 1967 (H)
Most Pass Attempts:	57 by S.F. 49ers, (37 Comp.), Oct. 6, 1985 (A)
Most Pass Completions:	37 by S.F. 49ers, (57 Att.), Oct. 6, 1985 (A)
Most TD Passes:	6 by Cleveland Browns, Oct. 30, 1966 (H)
Most Had Intercepted:	6 by New Orleans Saints, Sept. 16, 1973 (A)
Most Punts:	11 by N.Y. Giants, Oct. 25, 1981 (A)
Most Punt Returns:	9 by S.F. 49ers, Oct. 29, 1972 (H)
Most Fair Catches:	6 by Minnesota, Nov. 28, 1971 (A)
Most Yards, Punt Returns:	219 by L.A. Rams, Oct. 11, 1981 (A)
Most TD's, Punt Returns:	2 by L.A. Rams, Oct. 11, 1981 (A)
Most Kickoff Returns:	9 by Detroit, Oct. 5, 1980 (H)
Most Kickoff Return Yards:	242 by San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973 (A)
Most Fumbles:	5 by Six Teams
Most Fumbles Lost:	5 by New Orleans, Oct. 15, 1972 and Oct. 10, 1976 (A)
Most Penalties:	15 by Buffalo Bills, Dec. 18, 1983 (H)
Most Penalty Yards:	135 by L.A. Raiders, (11 pen.), Nov. 19, 1970 (H)

INDIVIDUAL

Most Points Scored:	24 by Dan Reeves, Cowboys, (A) 11/5/67 (4 TD) 24 by Roy Jefferson, Steelers, (H) 11/3/68 (4 TD)
Most TDs Scored:	4 by Reeves & Jefferson (above)
Most PAT Attempts:	8 by Don Chandler, Packers, 10/23/66 (A) 8 by Tom Dempsey, Rams, 12/4/76 (A)
Most PAT's Made:	8 by Don Chandler (above)
Most FG Attempts:	7 by Jim Bakken, St. Louis, 12/9/73 (H)
Most FG's Made:	6 by Jim Bakken, St. Louis, (above)
Most Yards Rushing:	191 by Greg Pruitt, Browns, (26 Att.), 10/17/76 (H)
Most Carries:	33 by Lydell Mitchell, Colts, (151 yds.) 11/17/74 (A)
Highest Average:	10.4 by Delvin Williams, 49ers, (10-104) 12/14/75 (H)
Most TDs Rushing:	3 by Don Nottingham, Miami, 11/3/74 (A) 3 by Chuck Foreman, Vikings, 11/9/75 (A) 3 by Lawrence McCutcheon, Rams, 12/4/76 (A) 3 by Mark Van Eeghen, Raiders, 10/14/79 (A)
Most Yards Passing:	501 by Johnny Unitas, Colts, 9/17/67 (A) 22 of 32
Most Pass Attempts:	57 by Joe Montana, 49ers, 10/6/85 (H) 37 comp.
Most Pass Completions:	37 by Joe Montana (above)
Most Consecutive Pass Completions:	17 by Ken O'Brien (Jets) 11/9/86 (H)
Best Comp. Pct.:	85.0 by Johnny Unitas, Colts, 11/12/67 (17-20) (H)
Most TD Passes:	5 by Joe Montana, 49ers, 10/16/85 (H) 5 by Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 11/15/81 (H)
Most Had Intercepted:	5 by Archie Manning, Saints, 9/16/73 (A) 5 by Jim Hart, Cardinals, 11/9/80 (A)
Most Yards Receiving:	205 by Wes Chandler, Saints, 9/2/79 (A) 6 catches
Most Passes Caught:	12 by Roger Craig, 49ers, 10/6/85 (H) 167 yards
Most TD's Receiving:	4 by Roy Jefferson, Steelers, 11/3/68 (H)
Most Punts:	11 by Dave Jennings, Giants, 10/25/81 (H)
Highest Punting Average (4 Min.):	53.0 by Dave Jennings, Giants, 9/12/82 (A) 6 punts
Most Punt Returns:	9 by Ralph McGill, 49ers, 10/19/72 (H)
Most Punt Return Yards:	207 by LeRoy Irvin, Rams, 10/11/81 (H)
Highest Average (3 Ret.):	31.0 by LeRoy Irvin, Rams, 10/11/81 (H) 6 returns
Most Punt Return TD's:	2 by LeRoy Irvin (above)
Most Kickoff Returns:	7 by Ron Smith, Packers, 10/23/66 (A) 7 by Ron Smith, Colts, 11/12/67 (H)

Individual Records

SCORING

Most Points, Career

514 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-
270 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
270 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
246 William Andrews, 1979-
240 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-
229 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
186 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
168 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
156 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
150 Lynn Cain, 1979-84

Most Points, Season

114 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
112 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
102 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
101 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
94 Mick Luckhurst, 1983
91 Mick Luckhurst, 1984
79 Bill Bell, 1972
78 Gerald Riggs, 1984
78 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
78 Bob Etter, 1969

Most Points, Game

18 Gerald Riggs vs L.A. Rams 11-17-85 (Home)
18 Lynn Cain vs L.A. Rams 10-7-84 (Away)
18 William Andrews vs Buffalo 12-10-83 (Away)
18 William Andrews vs Green Bay 11-27-83 (Away)
18 William Andrews vs Denver 12-5-82 (Away)
18 Alfred Jenkins vs New Orleans 11-1-81 (Away)
18 Lynn Cain vs Oakland 10-14-79 (Away)
15 Tim Mazetti vs L.A. Rams 10-30-78 (Home)
15 Nick Mike-Mayer vs L.A. Rams 11-4-73 (Home)

Most Consecutive Games Scoring

68 Mick Luckhurst (1981-WK12, 1985)

Most Touchdowns, Career

45 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
41 William Andrews, 1979-
40 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
31 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
28 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
26 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
25 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
24 Art Malone, 1970-74
22 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
21 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most Touchdowns, Season

13 Gerald Riggs, 1984
13 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
12 William Andrews, 1981
11 William Andrews, 1983
10 Gerald Riggs, 1985
9 Eddie Ray, 1973
9 Gerald Riggs, 1986
8 Wallace Francis, 1979
8 Gerald Riggs, 1983
7 Ken Burrow, 1973
7 Dave Hampton, 1972
7 William Andrews, 1982

Most Touchdowns, Game

3 Seven times (see Most Points, Game)

Most Consecutive Games, TD Scored

4 Gerald Riggs, 1986
4 Jim Mitchell, 1975
4 Dave Hampton, 1975

KICKING

Most PAT's Made

196 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-
105 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
94 Tim Mazzettii, 1978-80

Most PAT's Attempted, Career

199 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
108 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
104 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most PAT's Made, Season

51 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
45 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
43 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most PAT's Attempted, Season
51 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
49 Tim Mazzetti, 1980
45 Mick Luckhurst, 1983

Most PAT's Made, Game
8 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Saints 9-16-73 (Away)

Most PAT's Attempted, Game
8 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Saints 9-16-73 (Away)

Most Consecutive PAT's Made
117 Mick Luckhurst, 1982-

Most FG's Made, Career
106 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-
56 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
45 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Attempted, Carrer
151 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-
104 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77
68 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80

Most FG's Made, Season
26 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
24 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
21 Mick Luckhurst, 1981

Most FG's Attempted, Season
38 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973
33 Mick Luckhurst, 1981
31 Mick Luckhurst, 1985

Most FG's Made, Game
5 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Rams 11-4-73 (Home)
5 Tim Mazzetti vs Rams 10-30-78 (Away)

Most FG's Attempted, Game
5 Mick Luckhurst vs Saints 12-22-85 (Away)
5 Mick Luckhurst vs Eagles 12-16-84 (Home)
5 Nick Mike-Mayer vs Rams 11-4-73 (Home), vs Bears 9-26-76 (Away), vs Bears 10-23-77 (Away)
5 Tim Mazzetti vs Rams, 10-30-78 (Away) and vs Cardinals, 11-9-80 (Away)

Most Consecutive FG's Made
17 Mick Luckhurst, 1984 (3), 1985 (1st 14)

Best FG Percentage, Career (Min. 50)
.702 Mick Luckhurst, 1981-
.662 Tim Mazzetti, 1978-80
.538 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973-77

Best FG Percentage, Season (Min. 20)
.774 Mick Luckhurst, 1985
.772 Mick Luckhurst, 1983
.740 Mick Luckhurst 1984
.714 Mick Luckhust, 1982
.703 Tim Mazzetti, 1980

WILLIAM ANDREWS

RUSHING

Most Yards Gained, Career
5,986 William Andrews, 1979-
5,286 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
3,490 Dave Hampton, 1972-76
2,662 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
2,313 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
2,250 Jim Butler, 1968-71
2,118 Art Malone, 1970-74
1,612 Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 1969
1,528 Bubba Bean, 1976-80
1,321 Harmon Wages, 1968-73

Most Yards Gained, Season

1,719 Gerald Riggs, 1985
1,567 William Andrews, 1983
1,486 Gerald Riggs, 1984
1,327 Gerald Riggs, 1986
1,308 William Andrews, 1980
1,301 William Andrews, 1981
1,023 William Andrews, 1979
1,002 Dave Hampton, 1975
997 Dave Hampton, 1973
995 Dave Hampton, 1972

Most Yards Gained, Game

202 Gerald Riggs vs Saints
9-2-84 (Away) 35 Att.
197 Gerald Riggs vs Chiefs
12-8-85 (Away) 26 Att.
172 Gerald Riggs vs Miami
11-30-86 (Away) 33 Att.
167 William Andrews vs Saints
9-2-79 (Away) 30 Att.
161 William Andrews vs Miami
12-10-83 (Away) 21 Att.

(All 100 yard games listed under "Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most Rushing Attempts, Career

1,315 William Andrews, 1979-
1,271 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
885 Dave Hampton, 1972-76
728 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
609 Jim Butler, 1968-71
603 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
532 Art Malone, 1970-74
428 Junior Coffey, 1966-67, 1969
405 Bubba Bean, 1976-80
332 Harmon Wages, 1968-73

Most Rushing Attempts, Season

397 Gerald Riggs, 1985
353 Gerald Riggs, 1984
343 Gerald Riggs, 1986
331 William Andrews, 1983
289 William Andrews, 1981
265 William Andrews, 1980
263 Dave Hampton, 1973
250 Dave Hampton, 1975
247 Haskel Stanback, 1977
239 William Andrews, 1979

Most Rushing Attempts, Game

41 Gerald Riggs vs Rams
11-17-85 (Home) 123 yds.
39 Gerald Riggs vs Saints
12-22-85 (Away) 158 yds.
35 Gerald Riggs vs Saints
9-2-84 (Away) 202 yds.
35 Gerald Riggs vs Rams
10-12-86 (Home) 141 yds.
35 Lynn Cain vs Rams
10-7-84 (Away) 145 yds.

Most 100-Yard Games, Career

22 William Andrews, 1979-
20 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
4 Dave Hampton, 1972-76

Most 100-Yard Games, Season

9 Gerald Riggs, 1985
7 William Andrews, 1983
7 William Andrews, 1980
6 Gerald Riggs, 1986
5 Gerald Riggs, 1984

Most TD's Rushing, Career

45 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
30 William Andrews, 1979-
25 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79

Most TD's Rushing, Season

13 Gerald Riggs, 1984
10 William Andrews, 1981
10 Gerald Riggs, 1985
9 Gerald Riggs, 1986
7 William Andrews, 1983

Most TD's Rushing, Game

3 Gerald Riggs vs Rams
11-17-85 (Home)
3 Lynn Cain vs Rams
10-7-84 (Away)

Most Consecutive Games, Rushing TD

4 Gerald Riggs, 1986
4 Dave Hampton, 1975

Highest Average Gain, Career (300 carries)

4.55 William Andrews, 1979-
4.16 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
3.98 Art Malone, 1970-74
3.97 Harmon Wages, 1968-73
3.94 Dave Hampton, 1972-76

Highest Average Gain, Season (150 carries)

4.94 William Andrews, 1980
4.73 William Andrews, 1983
4.50 William Andrews, 1981
4.330 Gerald Riggs, 1985
4.326 Dave Hampton, 1972

Highest Avg. Gain, Game (10 carries)

9.10 Art Malone vs S.F. 12-10-72 (10-91)
7.67 William Andrews vs Miami 12-10-83 (21-161)
7.58 Gerald Riggs vs Chiefs 12-8-85 (26-197)
7.47 Jim Butler vs 49ers 10-4-70 (17-127)

PASSING

Most Yards Gained Passing, Career

23,468 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
8,489 Bob Berry, 1968-72
5,538 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
4,180 Dave Archer, 1984-

Most Yards Gained Passing, Season

3,830 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
3,544 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
3,167 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
2,502 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
2,489 Steve Bartkowski, 1978
2,158 Bob Berry, 1972
2,158 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
2,007 Dave Archer, 1986
2,005 Bob Berry, 1971

Most Yards Gained Passing, Game

416 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt. 11-15-81 (33-50)
378 Steve Bartkowski vs St. Louis 11-9-80 (31-47)
375 Steve Bartkowski vs Raiders 9-19-82 (36-54)

(All 300 yard games listed under "Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most Passes Attempted, Career

3,329 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
1,049 Bob Berry, 1968-72
904 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
624 Dave Archer, 1984-

Most Passes Attempted, Season

533 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
463 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
432 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
379 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
369 Steve Bartkowski, 1978

STEVE BARTKOWSKI

Most Passes Attempted, Game
56 Steve Bartkowski vs Raiders 9-19-82 (34 comp.)
50 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt. 11-15-81 (33 comp.)
48 Steve Bartkowski vs Giants 10-25-81 (24 comp.)
47 Steve Bartkowski vs Cards 11-9-80 (31 comp.)
44 Bob Berry vs Packers 9-27-70 (28 comp.)

Most Passes Completed, Career
1,870 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
598 Bob Berry, 1968-72
435 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
322 Dave Archer, 1984-

Most Passes Completed, Season
297 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
274 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
257 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
203 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
187 Steve Bartkowski, 1978

Most Passes Completed, Game
36 Steve Bartkowski vs Raiders 9-19-82 (56 Att.)
33 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt. 11-15-81 (50 Att.)
31 Steve Bartkowski vs Cards 11-9-80 (47 Att.)
28 Bob Berry vs Packers 9-27-70 (44 Att.)
28 Steve Bartkowski vs 49ers 11-20-83 (39 Att.)

Most Consecutive Passes, Completed
10 Steve Bartkowski vs Rams 10-7-84
10 Steve Bartkowski vs Houston 11-29-81
10 Randy Johnson vs Detroit (6) and Chicago (4) 11/9-16/69

Highest Completion Percentage, Career
57.0 Bob Berry, 1968-72
56.2 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
51.6 Dave Archer, 1984-
49.3 Bob Lee, 1973-74

Highest Completion Percentage, Season
.673 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
.6343 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
.6336 Steve Bartkowski, 1982
.617 Turk Schonert, 1986
.602 Bob Berry, 1971

Highest Completion Percentage, Game (20 Att)
.857 Steve Bartkowski vs Detroit 9-9-84 (24-28)
.826 Steve Bartkowski vs 49ers 9-25-83 (19-23)
.826 Steve Bartkowski vs Pitt. 10-28-84 (19-23)
.792 Steve Bartkowski vs LA 9-19-82 (19-24)
.762 Bob Berry vs SF/GB 9-19-71 (16-21)
11-27-71 (16-21)

Best QB Rating, Career
78.8 Bob Berry, 1968-72
74.5 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
70.6 Dave Archer, 1984-
67.7 Bob Lee, 1973-74
64.6 Randy Johnson, 1966-70

Best QB Rating, Season (Min. 100 Att.)
106.7 Bob Berry, 1969
97.6 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
92.8 Steve Bartkowski, 1985
89.7 Steve Bartkowski, 1984
88.0 Steve Bartkowski, 1980

Most TD Passes, Career
154 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
57 Bob Berry, 1968-72
34 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
18 Dave Archer, 1984-

Most TD Passes, Season
31 Steve Bartkowski, 1980
30 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
22 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
17 Steve Bartkowski, 1979
16 Bob Berry, 1970

Most TD Passes, Game
4 Randy Johnson vs Bears 11-16-69
4 Steve Bartkowski vs Saints 10-19-80
4 Steve Bartkowski vs Cards 10-18-81

Most Consecutive Games, TD Pass
14 Steve Bartkowski, 1980-81
9 Steve Bartkowski, 1983
8 Steve Bartkowski, 1981

Most Consecutive Passes Without Interception
197 Steve Bartkowski, 1982-83

Most Consecutive Games Without Interception
5 Steve Bartkowski, 1983

Lowest Interception Pct., Career
4.33 Dave Archer, 1984-
4.35 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
5.34 Bob Berry, 1968-72
5.47 Bob Lee, 1973-74

Lowest Interception Pct., Season (150 Att)
1.16 Steve Bartkowski, 1983 (5-432)
1.98 Scott Hunter, 1977 (3-151)
3.06 David Archer, 1986

Most Interceptions, Career
141 Steve Bartkowski, 1975-85
65 Randy Johnson, 1966-70
56 Bob Berry, 1968-72

Most Interceptions, Season
23 Steve Bartkowski, 1981
21 Randy Johnson, 1966
21 Randy Johnson, 1967
20 Steve Bartkowski, 1979

Most Interceptions, Game
5 Kim McQuilken vs Vikings 11-9-75

RECEIVING

Most Passes Caught, Career
359 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
305 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
276 William Andrews, 1979-
244 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
188 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
162 Stacey Bailey, 1982-
158 Billy Johnson, 1982-
152 Ken Burrow, 1971-75
140 Art Malone, 1970-74
139 Gerald Riggs, 1982-

Most Passes Caught, Season
81 William Andrews, 1981
74 Wallace Francis, 1979
70 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
67 Stacey Bailey, 1984
64 Billy Johnson, 1983
63 Charlie Brown, 1986
62 Billy Johnson, 1985
59 William Andrews, 1983
57 Alfred Jenkins, 1980
55 Stacey Bailey, 1983

Most Passes Caught, Game
15 William Andrews vs Pitt. 11-15-81 (124 yds)
13 William Andrews vs T. Bay 12-6-81 (98 yds)
11 William Andrews vs G. Bay 12-26-82 (77 yds)
11 Billy Johnson vs Saints 10-20-85 (153 yds)
10 Wallace Francis vs Rams 12-9-79 (108 yds)

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Career
6,257 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
4,348 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
3,695 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
3,010 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
2,668 Ken Burrow, 1971-75
2,645 William Andrews, 1979-
2,446 Stacey Bailey, 1982-
1,978 Billy Johnson, 1982-
1,348 Art Malone, 1970-74
1,330 Charlie Brown, 1985-

ALFRED JENKINS

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Season

1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
1,138 Stacey Bailey, 1984
1,025 Alfred Jenkins, 1980
1,013 Wallace Francis, 1979
918 Charlie Brown, 1986
881 Stacey Bailey, 1983
862 Wallace Francis, 1980
858 Alfred Jenkins, 1979
834 Paul Flatley, 1969
830 Billy Johnson, 1985

Most Yards Gained Receiving, Game

193 Alfred Jackson vs S.F. 12-2-84 (11 catches)
190 Ken Burrow vs Det. 10-3-71 (6 catches)
190 Ken Burrow vs Saints 12-19-71 (8 catches)
179 Alfred Jenkins vs Saints 11-1-81 (5 catches)

(All 100-yard games listed under "Greatest Falcon Performances")

Most TD Passes Received, Career

40 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
28 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
27 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
22 Alfred Jackson, 1978-84
21 Ken Burrow, 1971-75

Most TD Passes Received, Season

13 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
8 Wallace Francis, 1979
7 Ken Burrow, 1973

Most TD Passes Received, Game

3 Alfred Jenkins vs Saints 11-1-81

KICKOFF RETURNS

Most Yards On Returns, Career

1,989 Ron Smith, 1966-67
1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71
1,655 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
1,239 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
1,147 Willie Belton, 1971-73
1,055 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-
1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-
1,011 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
793 Dave Hampton, 1972-75
685 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80

Most Yard On Returns, Season

1,143 Reggie Smith, 1981
1,013 Ron Smith, 1966
976 Ron Smith, 1967
838 Cliff Austin, 1985
799 Jim Butler, 1968

Highest Average Return, Career (Min. 25)
24.26 Ron Smith, 1966-67
24.16 Jim Butler, 1968-71
24.07 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
23.62 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
23.41 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Highest Average Return, Season (Min. 25)
26.48 Dennis Pearson, 1978
25.21 Willie Belton, 1971
25.03 Ron Smith, 1967
24.32 Reggie Smith, 1981
24.28 Gerald Tinker, 1974

Most Returns, Career
82 Ron Smith, 1966-67
77 Jim Butler, 1968-71
72 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
55 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
50 Cliff Austin, 1984-

Most Returns, Season
47 Reggie Smith, 1981
43 Ron Smith, 1966
39 Ron Smith, 1967
39 Cliff Austin, 1985
37 Jim Butler, 1968

Longest Kickoff Returns
100t Dennis Pearson vs St. Louis 12-17-78
99t Ron Smith vs Baltimore 9-17-67
94t Cliff Austin vs New Orleans 10-20-85

PUNT RETURNS

Most Yards On Returns, Career
1,083 Billy Johnson, 1982-
738 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
540 Ray Brown, 1971-77
413 Al Dodd, 1973-74
366 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

Most Yards On Returns, Season
489 Billy Johnson, 1983
376 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
360 Ray Brown, 1973
352 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
344 Al Dodd, 1974

Most Yards On Returns, Game
116 Billy Johnson vs Jets 10-23-83
108 Al Dodd vs Chicago 10-13-74

Highest Average Return, Career (Min. 30)
11.80 Al Dodd, 1973-74
10.51 Billy Johnson, 1982-
9.89 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
9.03 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
8.85 Ray Brown, 1971-77

Highest Average Return, Season (Min. 20)
12.74 Al Dodd, 1974
12.22 Kenny Johnson, 1980
11.38 Billy Johnson, 1982
10.63 Billy Johnson, 1983
9.00 Ray Brown, 1973

Highest Average Return, Game (Min. 3)
31.0 Billy Johnson vs Raiders 11-21-82
26.0 Ray Brown vs Eagles 11-11-73

Most Returns, Career
110 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
103 Billy Johnson, 1982
61 Ray Brown, 1971-77
47 Billy Ryckman, 1977-80
46 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Most Returns, Season
54 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
51 Rolland Lawrence, 1977
46 Billy Johnson, 1983
40 Ray Brown, 1973
33 Scott Woerner, 1981

Most Returns, Game
8 Rolland Lawrence vs S.F. 10-9-77

Most Touchdowns, Punt Returns
1 Tom McCauley, 1970
John Mallory, 1970
Gerald Tinker, 1974
Billy Johnson, 1983

Longest Punt Returns
77t Tom McCauley vs N.O. 10-25-70 (Home)
75t John Mallory vs Minn. 12-20-70 (Home)
72t Gerald Tinker vs N.O. 9-29-74
71t Billy Johnson vs Jets 10-23-83

Combined Return Yards, Career
2,161 Ron Smith, 1966-67
2,016 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
1,860 Jim Butler, 1968-71
1,423 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
1,419 Willie Belton, 1971-73
1,354 Dennis Pearson, 1978-80
1,229 Gerald Tinker, 1974-75
1,121 Billy Johnson, 1982-
1,063 Sylvester Stamps, 1983-
1,035 Cliff Austin, 1984-

Most Combined Return Yards, Season
1,242 Reggie Smith, 1981
1,093 Ron Smith, 1966
1,068 Ron Smith, 1967
897 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
869 Willie Belton, 1971

Most Combined Returns, Career
139 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
113 Ron Smith, 1966-67
112 Reggie Smith, 1980-81
105 Billy Johnson, 1982-
95 Willie Belton, 1971-73

Most Combined Returns, Season
75 Rolland Lawrence, 1976
59 Ron Smith, 1967
59 Reggie Smith, 1981
58 Willie Belton, 1971
54 Ron Smith, 1966

COMBINED NET YARDS
(Rushing, Receiving, Returns)

Most Combined Yards, Career
8,702 William Andrews, 1979-
6,630 Gerald Riggs, 1982-
6,327 Alfred Jenkins, 1975-83
5,789 Wallace Francis, 1975-81
5,106 Dave Hampton, 1972-75
4,828 Jim Butler, 1968-71
4,549 Jim Mitchell, 1969-79
3,702 Lynn Cain, 1979-84
3,572 Haskel Stanback, 1974-79
3,569 Art Malone, 1970-74

Most Combined Yards, Season
2,176 William Andrews, 1983
2,037 William Andrews, 1981
1,986 Gerald Riggs, 1985
1,774 Dave Hampton, 1972
1,764 William Andrews, 1980
1,763 William Andrews, 1984
1,528 Dave Hampton, 1973
1,463 Gerald Riggs, 1981
1,420 Art Malone, 1972
1,358 Alfred Jenkins, 1981
1,357 Jim Butler, 1969

PUNTING

Highest Punting Average, Career
43.8 Rick Donnelly, 1985-
41.3 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
40.9 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84
40.8 John James, 1972-81

Highest Punting Average, Season (Min. 35)
44.32 Billy Lothridge, 1968
43.86 Rick Donnelly, 1986
43.69 Billy Lothridge, 1967
43.63 Rick Donnelly, 1985
42.77 John James, 1972

Highest Punting Average, Game (Min. 4)
52.1 Rick Donnelly vs Phila. 11-10-85

Most Punts, Career
873 John James, 1972-81
424 Billy Lothridge, 1966-71
167 Ralph Giacomarro, 1983-84
137 Rick Donnelly, 1985-

Most Punts, Season
109 John James, 1978
105 John James, 1977
101 John James, 1976
96 John James, 1974
89 John James, 1975

Most Punts, Game
11 John James vs Wash. 12-10-78

Longest Punt
75 John James vs Oak. 11-30-75
72 John James vs N.O. 9-16-73
71 Rick Donnelly vs N.Y Jets 11-9-86

Most Punts Inside 20, Season
28 John James, 1976
26 John James, 1980
25 John James, 1978

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Passes Intercepted, Career
39 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-81
31 Ray Brown, 1971-77
29 Ken Reaves, 1966-74
20 Tom Pridemore, 1978-85
19 Bobby Butler, 1981-
17 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
16 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
13 Ray Easterling, 1972-80
12 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
12 Greg Brezina, 1968-79

Most Passes Intercepted, Season
9 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
8 Ray Brown, 1974
7 Ken Reaves, 1967
Rolland Lawrence, 1977
Al Richardson, 1980
Tom Pridemore, 1981

Most Passes Intercepted, Game
2 32 times—Last time, Dennis Woodberry vs Miami, 11-30-86

Most Consecutive Games Pass Intercepted
4 Ken Reaves (3 games-70, 1-71)

Most Yards Interception Returns, Career
658 Rolland Lawrence, 1973-80
574 Ray Brown, 1971-77
439 Ken Reaves, 1966-73

TOM PRIDEMORE

372 Tom Pridemore, 1978-85
246 Kenny Johnson, 1980-86
203 Rick Byas, 1974-80
197 Tom Hayes, 1971-75
186 Al Richardson, 1980-85
182 Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
157 Bobby Butler, 1981-

Most Yards Interception Returns, Season
221 Tom Pridemore, 1981
164 Ray Brown, 1974
163 Rolland Lawrence, 1975
153 Ken Reaves, 1967
139 Al Richardson, 1980

Most Yards Interception Returns, Game
101 Tom Pridemore vs S.F. 9-20-81 (1 int.)

Most Interceptions For TD's, Career
2 Ray Brown, 1971-77
Tom Hayes, 1971-75
Tommy Nobis, 1966-76
Robert Pennywell, 1977-80
Kenny Johnson, 1980-86

Most Interceptions For TD's, Season
2 Tom Hayes, 1973
Kenny Johnson, 1983

Most Interceptions For TD's, Game
2 Kenny Johnson vs GB 11-27-83 (26 and 31)

SERVICE

Most Seasons Played

18 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
11 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
11 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
10 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 76-78)
10 John James (1972-81)
10 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)

Most Games Played

246 Jeff Van Note (1969-86)
155 Jim Mitchell (1969-1979)
148 John James (1972-81)
133 Tommy Nobis (1966-76)
130 Mike Kenn (1978-present)
127 Claude Humphrey (1968-74, 76-78)
123 Steve Bartkowski (1975-85)
123 Fulton Kuykendall (1975-84)

Most Games Started

225 Jeff Van Note
133 Tommy Nobis
130 Mike Kenn
127 Claude Humphrey

Most Consecutive Games Played

155 Jeff Van Note (1976-86)
112 Ken Reaves (1966-73)
105 Buddy Curry (1980-present)
100 Steve Bartkowski (Week 8, 1977-Week 10, 1984)

Most Consecutive Games Started

112 Jeff Van Note (1970-84)
100 Steve Bartkowski (Week 8, 1977-Week 10, 1984)
90 Mike Kenn (1978-Week 2, 1984)
86 Jim Mitchell (Week 5, 1971-Week 6, 1977)
79 Buddy Curry (1980-Week 6, 1985)
78 Tom Pridemore (Week 12, 1979-1984)

Most Pro Bowl Appearances

6 Claude Humphrey (1970, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77)
6 Jeff Van Note (1974, 75, 79, 80, 81, 82)
5 Tommy Nobis (1966, 67, 68, 70, 72)
5 Mike Kenn (1980, 81, 82, 83, 84)

Most Consecutive Pro Bowl Appearances

5 Claude Humphrey (1970-74)
5 Mike Kenn (1980-84)
4 William Andrews (1980-83)
4 Jeff Van Note (1979-82)

MIKE KENN

JEFF VAN NOTE

CONSECUTIVE STREAKS

SCORING

Most Consecutive Games, Scoring
68 Mick Luckhurst
(Week 1-1981-through
Week 11-1985)

Most Consecutive Games Scoring TD
4 Jim Mitchell, 1975 (3 receiving, 1 fumble ret.)
4 Dave Hampton, 1975 (3 rushing, 1 receiving)
4 Gerald Riggs, 1986 (all rushing)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Pass
10 Steve Bartkowski (1980)
(Week 7-16)

Most Consecutive Games With TD Catch
3 Four Times. Last by
Alfred Jenkins, 1976

KICKING

Most Consecutive PAT's
115 Mick Luckhurst
(1983-current)

Most Consecutive Games FG Made
8 Nick Mike-Mayer, 1973

Most Consecutive Field Goals
17 Mick Luckhurst, 1984-85

RUSHING

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games
4 Gerald Riggs, 1985
3 William Andrews, 1983
3 Gerald Riggs, 1986

RECEIVING

Most Consecutive Games With Reception
103 Alfred Jenkins
(1975-1983)

Most Consecutive 100-Yard Games
3 Stacey Bailey, 1983
(Oct. 2, 7-106, Oct. 9, 7-109,
Oct. 16, 6-106)

PASSING

Most Consecutive Passes Completed
10 Steve Bartkowski vs. L.A. Rams
10-7-84
Steve Bartkowski vs. Houston
11-29-81
Randy Johnson vs. Detroit (6)
11-9-69 and Chicago (4)
11-16-69

Most Consecutive Passes Without Interception
197 Steve Bartkowski
(1982-83)

INTERCEPTIONS

Most Consecutive Games Pass Intercepted
4 Ken Reaves
(Last 3-1970-Opener-1971)

STACEY BAILEY

THE LAST TIME...

Punt Returned for Touchdown
By Falcons: Oct. 12, 1983, Billy Johnson vs. Jets, 71 yds., Pat Leahy punted
Vs. Falcons Dec. 21, 1986, Pete Mandley, Lions, 81 yds., Rick Donnelly punted

Kickoff Returned for Touchdown
By Falcons: Oct. 20, 1985, Cliff Austin vs. Saints, 94 yds., Morton Andersen KO
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 23, 1977, Brian Baschnagel, Bears, 84 yds., Nick-Mike Mayer KO

Pass Interception for Touchdown
By Falcons: Nov. 16, 1986, Joel Williams vs. Bears, 14 yds., Mike Tomczak passed
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 26, 1986, Mark Jerue, Rams, 22 yds., Dave Archer passed

Punt was Blocked
By Falcons: Sept. 30, 1984, Kenny Johnson vs. 49ers, Max Runager punted
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 7, 1986, Tate Randle, Colts, returned 13 yds. for TD by Eugene Daniel, Rick Donnelly punted

Field Goal was Blocked
By Falcons: Oct. 12, 1986, Mike Pitts vs. Rams, Mike Lansford attempted 33-yd. FG
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 21, 1986, Michael Downs, Cowboys, Mick Luckhurst attempted 52-yd. FG

Fumble Returned for Touchdown
By Falcons: *Oct. 26, 1986, James Britt vs. Rams, 65 yds., Michael Young fumbled
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 20, 1985, Frank Warren, Saints, 50 yds., Dave Archer fumbled
*third longest in Falcon history

Extra Point Missed
By Falcons: Dec. 14, 1986, Ali Haji-Sheikh vs. Saints
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 21, 1986, Eddie Murray, Lions, (hit goal post)

Safety Scored
By Falcons: Sept. 14, 1986, Mike Gann, tackled Neil Lomax (Cardinals) in end zone
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 24, 1985, Henry Waechter, Bears, tackled Bob Holly in end zone

Shutout was Scored
By Falcons: Dec. 12, 1982, Falcons 35, Saints 0 (Atlanta, Week 6 strike year)
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 5, 1986, Eagles 16, Falcons 0 (Atlanta, Week 5)

Three Touchdown Passes
By Falcons: Sept. 23, 1984, Steve Bartkowski vs. Oilers, (11-13-195 yds.)
Vs. Falcons: Dec. 15, 1985, Todd Blackledge, Chiefs, (11-19-219 yds.)

Four Touchdown Passes
By Falcons: Oct. 18, 1981, Steve Bartkowski vs. Cardinals, (18-32-288 yds.)
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 13, 1985, Dave Krieg, Seahawks, (33-51-405 yds.)

300 Yards Passing
By Falcons: Nov. 9, 1986, Dave Archer vs. Jets, 350 yds. (21-36)
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 30, 1986, Dan Marino, Dolphins, 303 yds. (20-40)

400 Yards Passing
By Falcons: Nov. 15, 1981, Steve Bartkowski vs. Steelers, 416 yds. (33-50)
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 13, 1985, Dave Krieg, Seahawks, 405 yds. (33-51)

Three Touchdowns Rushing
By Falcons: Nov. 17, 1985, Gerald Riggs vs. Rams
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 14, 1979, Mark van Eeghen, Raiders

Three Touchdown Receptions
By Falcons: Nov. 1, 1981, Alfred Jenkins vs. Saints
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 30, 1975, Cliff Branch, Raiders

Four Field Goals
By Falcons: Oct. 12, 1986, Mick Luckhurst vs. Rams
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 2, 1986, Tony Franklin, Patriots

Five or More Field Goals
By Falcons: Oct. 30, 1978, Tim Mazzetti vs. Rams (21,37,30,26,37)
Vs. Falcons: 6, Dec. 9, 1973, Jim Bakken, Cardinals (35,46,35,31,37,28)

Five Touchdown Passes
By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Oct. 6, 1985, Joe Montana, 49ers

Four Touchdown Receptions
By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Nov. 3, 1968, Roy Jefferson, Steelers

200 Yards Rushing
By Falcons: Sept. 2, 1984, Gerald Riggs vs. Saints, 202 yds.
Vs. Falcons: NEVER

200 Yards Receiving
By Falcons: NEVER
Vs. Falcons: Sept. 2, 1979, Wes Chandler, Saints, 205 yards

Greatest Falcon Performances

RUSHING YARDAGE

202—GERALD RIGGS vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1984, 35 attempts
197—GERALD RIGGS vs. Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985, 26 attempts
172—GERALD RIGGS vs. Miami, Nov. 30, 1986, 33 attempts
167—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 30 attempts
161—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs Miami, Dec. 10, 1983, 21 attempts
161—Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972, 29 attempts (AS)
158—GERALD RIGGS vs. New Orleans, Dec. 22, 1985, 39 attempts
158—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Buffalo, Dec. 17, 1983, 28 attempts (AS)
150—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1983, 25 attempts (AS)
150—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 32 attempts
145—Lynn Cain vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984, 35 carries
141—GERALD RIGGS vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 12, 1986, 35 attempts (AS)
139—GERALD RIGGS vs. Seattle, Oct. 13, 1985, 23 attempts
136—GERALD RIGGS vs. San Francisco, Sept. 30, 1984, 28 attempts
136—GERALD RIGGS vs. Indianapolis, Dec. 7, 1986 (AS)
135—Dave Hampton vs. St. Louis, Sept. 21, 1975, 23 attempts
134—GERALD RIGGS vs. Washington, Nov. 5, 1984, 27 carries
133—GERALD RIGGS vs. San Francisco, Dec. 2, 1984, 30 carries (AS)
131—GERALD RIGGS vs. Detroit, Sept. 8, 1985, 31 attempts (AS)
131—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. San Diego, Dec. 2, 1979, 21 attempts
129—GERALD RIGGS vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 10, 1985, 27 attempts
129—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Green Bay, Nov. 27, 1983, 20 attempts (AS)
129—Haskel Stanback vs. New Orleans, Dec. 18, 1977, 22 attempts (AS)
129—GERALD RIGGS vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 28, 1986, 27 attempts
127—GERALD RIGGS vs. Washington, Nov. 3, 1985, 22 attempts (AS)
127—GERALD RIGGS vs. Dallas, Oct. 27, 1985, 24 attempts
127—Jim Butler vs. San Francisco, Oct. 4, 1970, 17 attempts (AS)
126—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983, 28 attempts
125—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. New England, Oct. 30, 1983, 25 attempts (AS)
124—WILLIAM ANDREWS—vs. New England, Sept. 14, 1980, 19 attempts
123—GERALD RIGGS vs. L.A. Rams, Nov. 17, 1985, 41 attempts (AS)
123—Lynn Cain vs. Minnesota, Sept. 7, 1980, 24 attempts
123—Woody Thompson vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977, 24 attempts
121—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 10, 1979, 24 attempts
120—GERALD RIGGS vs. Houston, Sept. 23, 1984, 25 attempts (AS)
119—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Los Angeles Rams, Nov. 21, 1982, 21 attempts (AS)
119—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 11, 1981, 21 attempts
117—Junior Coffey vs. Cleveland, Oct. 30, 1966, 17 attempts(AS)
115—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. St. Louis, Nov. 9, 1980, 20 attempts(AS)
115—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 14, 1981, 23 attempts
114—Jim Butler vs. New Orleans, Oct. 24, 1971, 20 attempts (AS)
112—Haskel Stanback vs. Tampa Bay, Sept. 24, 1978, 23 attempts
111—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 26, 1980, 20 attempts (AS)
111—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Washington, Nov. 30, 1980, 24 attempts (AS)
110—GERALD RIGGS vs. Chicago, Nov. 24, 1985, 30 attempts
109—GERALD RIGGS vs. Dallas, Sept. 21, 1986, 25 attempts
108—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. San Francisco, Dec. 19, 1982, 24 attempts
108—GERALD RIGGS vs. St. Louis, Sept. 14, 1986, 29 attempts (AS)
107—Sonny Collins vs. San Francisco, Nov. 14, 1976, 31 attempts
106—Dave Hampton vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 26 attempts (AS)
105—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980, 18 attempts(AS)
104—Bubba Bean vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 19, 1979, 17 attempts
104—CLIFF AUSTIN vs. New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1986, 27 attempts
103—Art Malone vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972, 18 attempts(AS)
102—Lynn Cain vs. Detroit, Oct. 5, 1980, 21 attempts(AS)
101—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 7, 1980, 18 attempts
101—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Houston, Nov. 29, 1981, 25 attempts
101—Dave Hampton vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975, 25 attempts (AS)
100—Sonny Collins vs. Seattle, Nov. 7, 1976, 17 attempts
100—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. San Francisco, Sept. 28, 1980, 21 attempts

RECEIVING YARDAGE

193—Alfred Jackson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 2, 1984, 11 receptions (AS)
190—Ken Burrow vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971, 6 receptions
190—Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971, 8 receptions
179—Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Nov. 1, 1981, 5 receptions
159—STACEY BAILEY vs. Washington, Dec. 4, 1983, 9 receptions
158—STACEY BAILEY vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984, 7 receptions
153—BILLY JOHNSON vs. New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1985, 11 catches (AS)
153—Wallace Francis vs. New York Giants, Oct. 1, 1978, 7 receptions
152—Alfred Jenkins vs. Washington, Sept. 25, 1977, 7 receptions
148—Wallace Francis vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980, 4 receptions (AS)
147—Alfred Jenkins vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 7 receptions (AS)
146—FLOYD DIXON vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1986, 8 receptions (AS)
144—Alex Hawkins vs. Philadelphia, Sept. 18, 1966, 9 receptions
143—Jim Mitchell vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 26, 1971, 4 receptions
140—STACEY BAILEY vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 16, 1984, 8 receptions, (AS)
138—Wallace Francis vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 8 receptions (AS)
136—BILLY JOHNSON vs. L.A. Raiders, Dec. 1, 1985, 6 receptions (AS)
136—Alfred Jenkins vs. Cleveland, Sept. 27, 1981, 6 receptions
136—Alfred Jenkins vs. Miami, Sept. 21, 1980, 4 receptions (AS)
134—Alfred Jenkins vs. San Francisco, Nov. 8, 1981, 7 receptions
129—Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 5 receptions (AS)
124—Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 6 receptions
123—Alfred Jenkins vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 5 receptions
122—Alfred Jenkins vs. Houston, Nov. 29, 1981, 6 receptions
120—Wes Chesson vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 5, 1972, 7 receptions
120—Paul Flatley vs. Philadelphia, Dec. 14, 1969, 4 receptions
119—CHARLIE BROWN vs. New Orleans, Sept. 7, 1986, 7 receptions
117—Junior Miller vs. New England, Sept. 14, 1980, 8 receptions
113—Alfred Jackson vs. San Francisco, Oct. 22, 1978, 4 receptions
113—Paul Flatley vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 28, 1969, 6 receptions
112—CHARLIE BROWN vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 6 receptions (AS)
110—BILLY JOHNSON vs. Denver, Sept. 22, 1985, 7 receptions (AS)
110—Paul Gibson vs. Los Angeles, Nov. 22, 1970, 5 receptions (AS)
110—Lynn Cain vs. Oakland, Oct. 14, 1979, 6 receptions
110—CHARLIE BROWN vs. Tampa Bay Bucs, Sept. 28, 1986, 7 receptions
109—STACEY BAILEY vs. New Orleans, Oct. 9, 1983, 7 receptions (AS)
109—Jim Mitchell vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 1, 1974, 7 receptions (AS)
108—Wallace Francis vs. Los Angeles, Dec. 9, 1979, 10 receptions (AS)
108—Billy Ryckman vs. Chicago, Nov. 19, 1978, 8 receptions
108—ARTHUR COX vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 4 receptions (AS)
106—STACEY BAILEY vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 2, 1983, 7 receptions (AS)
106—STACEY BAILEY vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 16, 1983, 6 receptions
106—WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982, 3 receptions
106—Alfred Jenkins vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975, 4 receptions
106—Alfred Jenkins vs. Denver, Nov. 23, 1975, 6 receptions (AS)
105—Alfred Jenkins vs. N.Y. Giants, Nov. 11, 1979, 6 receptions
105—Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969, 3 receptions (AS)
102—STACEY BAILEY vs. Minnesota, Sept. 16, 1984, 4 receptions
102—Alfred Jenkins vs. New Orleans, Nov. 2, 1975, 4 receptions
102—Alfred Jenkins vs. Houston, Nov. 28, 1976, 5 receptions
102—Alfred Jenkins vs. St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978, 5 receptions
101—Paul Flatley vs. Baltimore, Oct. 5, 1969, 3 receptions
101—Alfred Jenkins vs. Green Bay, Dec. 12, 1976, 6 receptions (AS)
101—Alfred Jenkins vs. St. Louis, Oct. 18, 1981, 4 receptions

PASSING YARDAGE

416—Steve Bartkowski vs. Pittsburgh, Nov. 15, 1981, 33 of 50 (AS)
378—Steve Bartkowski vs. St. Louis, Nov. 9, 1980, 31 of 47
375—Steve Bartkowski vs. Los Angeles Raiders, Sept. 19, 1982, 36 of 54 (AS)
372—Steve Bartkowski vs. Houston, Nov. 29, 1981, 18 of 25
366—Steve Bartkowski vs. Detroit, Sept. 18, 1983, 24 of 34
350—DAVE ARCHER vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986, 21 of 36 (AS)

332—Steve Bartkowski vs. Miami, Sept. 21, 1980, 18 of 36 (AS)
326—Steve Bartkowski vs. Denver, Sept. 16, 1979, 20 of 29 (AS)
313—Steve Bartkowski vs. New York Jets, Oct. 23, 1983, 25 of 36
312—Steve Bartkowski vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1979, 22 of 38
311—Steve Bartkowski vs. New York Giants, Oct. 25, 1981, 24 of 48 (AS)
309—Bob Berry vs. Detroit, Oct. 3, 1971,, 13 of 23
305—Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1975, 19 of 37 (AS)
303—Mike Moroski vs. Green Bay, Nov. 27, 1983, 22 of 35 (AS)
302—Bob Berry vs. Green Bay, Sept. 27, 1970, 28 of 44
301—Bob Berry vs. Los Angeles, Sept. 26, 1971, 15 of 22
301—Steve Bartkowski vs. San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1983, 28 of 39 (AS)

Longest Falcon Plays

LONG RUNS FROM SCRIMMAGE (50 yards or more)

t66—Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
65—Ernie Wheelwright vs. Los Angeles, Sept., 11, 1966 (AS)
t60—Jim Butler vs. Detroit, Dec. 8, 1968 (AS)
t60—Bubba Bean vs. Tampa Bay, Nov. 4, 1979 (AS)
57—GERALD RIGGS vs. New Orleans, Sept. 2, 1984
56—Dave Hampton vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 1, 1972 (AS)
t55—Haskel Stanback vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
50—GERALD RIGGS vs. Kansas City, Dec. 8, 1985

LONG PASS COMPLETIONS (75 yards or more)

t88—Bob Berry to Harmon Wages vs. New Orleans, Dec. 7, 1969 (AS)
t86—Steve Bartkowski to WILLIAM ANDREWS vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982
84—Bob Berry to Ken Burrow vs. New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1971
t82—Randy Johnson to Ray Ogden vs. San Francisco, Dec. 10, 1967 (AS)
t81—Steve Bartkowski to Wallace Francis vs. San Francisco, Dec. 14, 1980 (AS)
t76—Steve Bartkowski to Floyd Hodge vs. San Francisco, Sept. 25, 1983
t75—Tom Moore to Tommy McDonald vs. Baltimore, Nov. 12, 1967 (AS)

LONG PUNTS (65 yards or more)

75—John James vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
72—John James vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
71—RICK DONNELLY vs. New York Jets, Nov. 9, 1986
70—Billy Lothridge vs. Cleveland, Oct. 27, 1968
68—RICK DONNELLY vs. Washington, Nov. 3, 1985 (AS)
68—RICK DONNELLY vs. Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 1986 (AS)
67—John James vs. New Orleans, Oct. 31, 1976(AS)
65—RICK DONNELLY vs. Chicago, Nov. 16, 1986 (AS)

LONG FIELD GOALS (50 yards or more)

52—MICK LUCKHURST vs. Seattle, Oct. 13, 1985
52—MICK LUCKHURST vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984
52—Nick Mike-Mayer vs. San Francisco, Oct. 28, 1973
51—MICK LUCKHURST vs. Detroit, Sept. 9, 1984 (AS)
51—MICK LUCKHURST vs. Denver, Dec. 5, 1982 (Twice)
50—MICK LUCKHURST vs. L.A. Rams, Oct. 7, 1984
50—Tim Mazzetti vs. Buffalo, Nov. 2, 1980

The Falcons 4-0 start was the best ever in club history and the 5-2-1 mark at the halfway point was also a club best.

LONG INTERCEPTION RETURNS (60 yards or more)

t101—Tom Pridemore vs. San Francisco, Sept. 20, 1981
t90—Ken Reaves vs. Los Angeles, Oct. 20, 1968
t87—Rolland Lawrence vs. Oakland, Nov. 30, 1975
81—Rolland Lawrence vs. San Diego, Oct. 21, 1973
t77—Lee Calland vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
t73—Jimmy Burson vs. San Francisco, Dec. 15, 1968 (AS)
t72—Rick Byas vs. New Orleans, Nov. 20, 1977
t65—Tom Hayes vs. New Orleans, Sept. 16, 1973
t62—Bob Riggle vs. Minnesota, Dec. 4, 1966

LONG PUNT RETURNS (50 yards or more)

t77—Tom McCauley vs. New Orleans, Oct. 25, 1970 (AS)
t75—John Mallory vs. Minnesota, Dec. 20, 1970 (AS)
t72—Gerald Tinker vs. New Orleans, Sept. 29, 1974
t71—BILLY JOHNSON vs. New York Jets, Oct. 23, 1983
71—BILLY JOHNSON vs. Los Angeles Rams, Nov. 21, 1982 (AS)
60—Dennis Pearson vs. Detroit, Sept. 23, 1979
57—Ray Brown vs. Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1973
57—Al Dodd vs. Chicago, Oct. 13, 1974 (AS)
56—KENNY JOHNSON vs. Chicago, Sept. 23, 1980 (AS)

LONG KICKOFF RETURNS (50 yards or more)

t100—Dennis Pearson vs. St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1978
t99—Ron Smith vs. Baltimore, Sept. 17, 1967
t94—CLIFF AUSTIN vs. New Orleans, Oct. 20, 1985 (AS)
82—Jim Butler vs. Green Bay, Nov. 22, 1971 (AS)
80—Ron Smith vs. Chicago, Nov. 27, 1966
61—Jim Butler vs. Washington, Nov. 23, 1969
59—Gerald Tinker vs. San Francisco, Sept. 22, 1974 (AS)
58—Willie Belton vs. Cleveland, Oct. 31, 1971
50—SYLVESTER STAMPS vs. Pittsburgh, Oct. 28, 1984

LONG FUMBLE RETURNS (50 yards or more)

t91—Bob Glazebrook vs. New York Giants, Sept. 12, 1982
t74—Jim Weatherford vs. San Francisco, Oct. 19, 1969
t65—JAMES BRITT vs. Los Angeles Rams, Oct. 26, 1986
t64—Blane Gaison vs. San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1983 (AS)
t60—Tom Hayes vs. Oakland, Dec. 5, 1971 (AS)
t57—Joel Williams vs. Green Bay, Sept. 13, 1981
t50—Jim Mitchell vs. New Orleans, Oct. 5, 1975 (AS)

Future Super Bowl Sites

Super Bowl XXII — San Diego — Jack Murphy Stadium
January 31, 1988

Super Bowl XXIII — Miami — Joe Robbie Stadium
January 1989

Super Bowl XXIV — New Orleans — Superdome
January 1990

Super Bowl XXV — Tampa Bay — Tampa Stadium
January 1991

Year-by-Year Leaders

SCORING

Year	Player	TD	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	TP
1966	Lou Kirouac	0	19	24	9	18	46
1967	Wade Traynham	0	22	22	7	18	43
1968	Bob Etter	0	17	19	11	21	50
1969	Bob Etter	0	33	33	15	30	78
1970	Kenny Vinyard	0	23	26	9	25	50
1971	Bill Bell	0	29	33	13	21	68
1972	Bill Bell	0	31	31	16	30	79
1973	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	34	34	26	38	112
1974	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	12	12	9	16	39
1975	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	30	33	4	10	42
1976	Nick Mike-Mayer	0	19	19	10	21	49
1977	Haskel Stanback	6	00	00	00	00	36
1978	Tim Mazzetti	0	18	18	13	16	57
1979	Tim Mazzetti	0	31	37	13	25	70
1980	Tim Mazzetti	0	45	49	19	27	102
1981	Mick Luckhurst	0	51	51	21	33	114
1982	Mick Luckhurst	0	21	22	10	14	51
1983	Mick Luckhurst	0	43	45	17	22	94
1984	Mick Luckhurst	0	31	31	20	27	91
1985	Mick Luckhurst	0	29	29	24	31	101
1986	Mick Luckhurst	0	21	21	14	24	63

PASSING

Year	Player	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
1966	Randy Johnson	295	129	43.7	1,795	12	21
1967	Randy Johnson	288	142	49.3	1,620	10	21
1968	Bob Berry	153	81	52.9	1,433	7	13
1969	Bob Berry	169	71	57.3	1,087	10	2
1970	Bob Berry	269	156	58.0	1,806	16	13
1971	Bob Berry	226	136	60.2	2,005	11	16
1972	Bob Berry	277	154	55.6	2,158	13	12
1973	Bob Lee	230	120	52.2	1,786	10	8
1974	Bob Lee	172	78	45.3	852	3	14
1975	Steve Bartkowski	255	115	45.1	1,662	13	15
1976	Steve Bartkowski	120	57	47.5	677	2	9
1977	Scott Hunter	151	70	46.4	898	2	3
1978	Steve Bartkowski	369	187	50.7	2,489	10	18
1979	Steve Bartkowski	379	203	53.6	2,502	17	20
1980	Steve Bartkowski	463	257	55.5	3,544	31	16
1981	Steve Bartkowski	533	297	55.7	3,830	30	23
1982	Steve Bartkowski	262	166	63.4	1,905	8	11
1983	Steve Bartkowski	432	274	63.4	3,167	22	5
1984	Steve Bartkowski	269	181	67.3	2,158	11	10
1985	Dave Archer	312	161	51.6	1,992	7	17
1986	Dave Archer	294	150	51.0	2,007	10	9

RUSHING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Junior Coffey	199	722	3.6	37	4
1967	Junior Coffey	180	722	4.0	20t	4
1968	Jim Butler	94	365	3.9	60t	2
1969	Jim Butler	163	655	4.0	39	3
1970	Jim Butler	166	636	3.8	33	0
1971	Jim Butler	186	594	3.2	19	2
1972	Dave Hampton	230	995	4.3	56t	6
1973	Dave Hampton	263	997	3.8	25	3
1974	Dave Hampton	127	464	3.7	34	2
1975	Dave Hampton	250	1002	4.0	22	5
1976	Bubba Bean	124	428	3.5	30	2
1977	Haskel Stanback	247	873	3.4	35	6
1978	Bubba Bean	193	707	3.7	25	3
1979	William Andrews	239	1023	4.3	23	2

1980	William Andrews	265	1308	4.9	33	4
1981	William Andrews	289	1301	4.5	29	10
1982	William Andrews	139	573	4.1	19t	5
1983	William Andrews	331	1567	4.7	27	7
1984	Gerald Riggs	353	1486	4.2	57	13
1985	Gerald Riggs	297	1719	4.3	50	10
1986	Gerald Riggs	343	1327	3.9	31	9

RECEIVING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Alex Hawkins	44	661	15.0	42	2
1967	Tommy McDonald	33	436	13.2	75	4
1968	Jerry Simmons	28	479	17.1	61	0
1969	Paul Flatley	45	834	18.5	71	6
1970	Jim Mitchell	44	650	14.8	51	6
1971	Art Malone	34	380	11.2	46	2
1972	Art Malone	50	585	11.7	57	2
1973	Jim Mitchell	32	420	13.1	50	0
1974	Ken Burrow	34	545	16.0	48	1
1975	Alfred Jenkins	38	767	20.2	68	6
1976	Alfred Jenkins	41	710	17.3	34	6
1977	Alfred Jenkins	39	677	17.4	73	4
1978	Wallace Francis	45	695	15.4	54	3
1978	Billy Ryckman	45	679	15.1	59	2
1979	Wallace Francis	74	1013	13.7	42	8
1980	Alfred Jenkins	57	1025	18.0	57	6
1981	William Andrews	81	736	9.1	70	2
1982	William Andrews	42	503	12.0	86t	2
1983	Billy Johnson	64	709	11.1	47t	4
1984	Stacey Bailey	67	1138	17.0	61	6
1985	Billy Johnson	62	830	13.4	62t	5
1986	Charlie Brown	63	918	14.6	42	4

INTERCEPTIONS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Jerry Richardson	5	68	13.6	20	0
1967	Ken Reaves	7	153	21.9	42	0
1968	Jim Burson	4	100	25.0	73t	1
1969	Rudy Redmond	5	50	10.0	32	0
1970	Ken Reaves	6	44	7.3	28	0
1971	Ken Reaves	6	43	7.2	31	0
1972	Tom Hayes	5	10	2.0	8	0
1973	Ray Brown	6	99	16.5	24	0
1974	Ray Brown	8	164	20.5	59t	1
1975	Rolland Lawrence	9	163	18.1	87t	1
1976	Rolland Lawrence	6	43	7.2	22	0
1977	Rolland Lawrence	7	138	19.7	36	0
1978	Rolland Lawrence	6	76	12.7	44	0
1979	Rolland Lawrence	6	120	20.0	38	0
1980	Al Richardson	7	139	19.9	52	0
1981	Tom Pridemore	7	221	31.6	101t	1
1982	Kenny Johnson	2	30	15.0	30	0
	Fulton Kuykendall	2	22	11.0	22	0
	Bobby Butler	2	0	0.0	0	0
1983	Tom Pridemore	4	56	14.0	25	0
	Bobby Butler	4	12	3.0	12	0
1984	Kenny Johnson	5	75	15.0	28	0
1985	Bobby Butler	5	-4	-0.8	0	0
1986	Bret Clark	5	94	18.8	34	0

PUNTING

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	Blkd.
1966	Billy Lothridge	73	2968	40.7	60	0
1967	Billy Lothridge	87	3801	43.7	62	0
1968	Billy Lothridge	75	3324	44.3	70	0
1969	Billy Lothridge	69	2846	41.2	57	0
1970	Billy Lothridge	76	2944	38.7	59	0

1971	Billy Lothridge	44	1639	37.3	58	1
1972	John James	61	2609	42.8	59	0
1973	John James	63	2682	42.6	72	0
1974	John James	96	3891	40.5	61	1
1975	John James	89	3696	41.5	75	0
1976	John James	101	4253	42.1	67	0
1977	John James	105	4349	41.4	61	0
1978	John James	109	4227	38.8	57	1
1979	John James	83	3269	39.7	62	1
1980	John James	79	3088	39.1	59	0
1981	John James	87	3543	40.7	62	0
1982	George Roberts	17	690	40.6	54	0
1983	Ralph Giacomarro	70	2823	40.3	57	1
1984	Ralph Giacomarro	68	2855	42.0	58	2
1985	Rick Donnelly	59	2574	43.6	68	0
1986	Rick Donnelly	78	3421	43.9	71	1

PUNT RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	11	80	7.3	23	0
1967	Ron Smith	20	92	4.6	26	0
1968	Jim Burson	11	56	5.1	17	0
1969	John Mallory	13	42	3.2	15	0
1970	John Mallory	17	203	11.9	75t	1
1971	Willie Belton	30	163	5.4	32	0
1972	Willie Belton	17	110	6.5	34	0
1973	Ray Brown	40	360	9.0	57	0
1974	Al Dodd	27	344	12.7	57	0
1975	Mack Herron	10	94	9.4	24	0
1976	Rolland Lawrence	54	376	7.0	24	0
1977	Rolland Lawrence	51	352	6.9	37	0
1978	Billy Ryckman	28	227	8.1	38	0
1979	Dennis Pearson	12	115	9.6	60	0
1980	Kenny Johnson	23	281	12.2	56	0
1981	Scott Woerner	33	278	8.4	38	0
1982	Billy Johnson	24	273	11.4	71	0
1983	Billy Johnson	46	489	10.6	71t	1
1984	Billy Johnson	15	152	10.1	37	0
1985	Anthony Allen	21	141	6.7	19	0
1986	Floyd Dixon	26	151	5.8	16	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

Year	Player	No.	Yards	Avg.	LG	TD
1966	Ron Smith	43	1013	23.6	80	0
1967	Ron Smith	39	976	25.0	99t	1
1968	Jim Butler	37	799	21.6	42	0
1969	Charlie Bryant	21	407	19.4	39	0
1970	Jim Butler	14	284	20.3	29	0
1971	Willie Belton	28	706	25.2	58	0
1972	Dave Hampton	25	535	21.0	52	0
1973	Joe Washington	20	432	21.6	30	0
1974	Gerald Tinker	29	704	24.3	59	0
1975	Gerald Tinker	13	307	23.6	33	0
1976	Rolland Lawrence	21	521	24.8	36	0
1977	Karl Farmer	23	466	20.3	30	0
1978	Dennis Pearson	25	662	26.7	100t	1
1979	Dennis Pearson	30	577	19.2	29	0
1980	Reggie Smith	25	512	20.5	35	0
1981	Reggie Smith	47	1143	24.3	52	0
1982	Reggie Brown	24	466	19.4	33	0
1983	Kenny Johnson	11	224	20.4	28	0
1984	Sylvester Stamps	19	452	23.8	50	0
1985	Cliff Austin	39	838	21.5	94t	1
1986	Sylvester Stamps	24	514	21.4	35	0

Falcons in Overtime

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1986: **Atlanta 23, Tampa Bay 20** - Mick Luckhurst's 34-yard FG as time expires set up his game-winning 34-yard kick with 6:29 elapsed.

Atlanta 10, San Francisco 10 - Sylvester Stamps races 39 yards with an Archer pass to tie the game with 1:27 remaining. Neither team is able to score, creating the first OT tie in Falcon history.

1985: **Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 17** — Mick Quick catches 99-yard TD from Ron Jaworski.

1984: **Detroit 27, Atlanta 24** — Eddie Murray kicks 48-yard field goal after Lions win toss.

1983: **Atlanta 47, Green Bay 41** — Kenny Johnson intercepts Lynn Dickey and returns pass 31 yards for winning score.

New York Giants 16, Atlanta 13 — Ali Haji-Sheikh kicks 30-yard field goal.

1981: **New York Giants 27, Atlanta 24** — Joe Danelo kicks 40-yard field goal after Falcons fumble on first play of second possession.

1980: **Atlanta 33, St. Louis 27** — Ray Strong rambles 21 yards for TD 4:42 into overtime.

Los Angeles Rams 20, Atlanta 17 — Frank Carrol kicks 23-yard field goal after Bartkowski fumbles on sack.

1979: **Atlanta 40, New Orleans 34** — James Mayberry catches desperation pass by Saints' punter Russell Erxleben who had chased errant snap into end zone.

Denver 20, Atlanta 17 — Jim Turner kicks 24-yard field goal after Tim Mazzetti misses 31-yarder with :22 in regulation.

1975: **Oakland 37, Atlanta 34** — George Blanda kicks 36-yard field goal with just :02 left in overtime.

A "SUPER" RECORD

The Falcons have winning series records over the last two Super Bowl Champions! Atlanta holds a 6-5 edge over the Super Bowl XXI Champion New York Giants and a 9-6 advantage over the Super Bowl XX Champion Chicago Bears.

Falcons Honors

Falcon Player of the Year

1966 Tommy Nobis, LB
1967 Junior Coffey, RB
1968 Tommy Nobis, LB
1969 Jim Butler, RB
1970 Jim Mitchell, TE
1971 Don Hansen, LB
1972 Dave Hampton, RB
1973 Bob Lee, QB
1974 Ray Brown, S
1975 Dave Hampton, RB
1976 Claude Humphrey, DE
1977 Rolland Lawrence, DB
1978 Greg Brezina, LB
1979 Wallace Francis, WR
1980 Steve Bartkowski, QB
1981 William Andrews, RB
1982 Fulton Kuykendall, LB
1983 William Andrews, RB
1984 Gerald Riggs, RB
1985 Gerald Riggs, RB
1986 Bill Fralic, OG

All-Pro

1967 Tommy Nobis, LB (AP, 1st team)
1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (NEA, 1st team)
1972 Claude Humphrey, DE (AP, Pro Football Weekly, Football News, NEA, Football Digest, PFWA, 1st teams)
1973 Claude Humphrey, DE (AP, Pro Football Weekly, PFWA, Football News, Computer Kickoff, 1st teams)
Nick Mick-Mayer, K (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team)
Mike Tilleman, DT (National Star News Service, 1st team)
1974 Claude Humphrey, DE (NEA, 1st team)
Rolland Lawrence, DB (AP, PFWA, 1st teams)
1980 Mike Kenn, OT (AP, PFWA, NEA, 1st teams)
1981 Alfred Jenkins, WR (AP, PFWA, 1st teams)
1982 R.C. Thielemann, OG (AP, CPFNW, 1st team)
Mike Kenn, OT (CPFNW, 1st team; AP, NEA, 2nd team)
William Andrews, RB (AP, 2nd team)
Jeff Van Note, C (AP, 2nd team)
Joel Williams, LB (AP, 2nd team)
1983 William Andrews, RB (NEA, TSN, Football Digest 1st teams; CPFNW, 2nd team)
Billy Johnson, PR (Pro Football Weekly, TSN, CPFNW, PFWA, Football Digest 1st teams; AP 2nd team)
Mike Kenn, T (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team; AP, CPFNW, 2nd teams)
1986 Bill Fralic G (AP, NEA, Pro Football Weekly, Sporting News, 1st Team)

All-NFC

1970 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, 1st team)
1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, 1st team)
1972 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, AP, TSN, Football Digest, Football News, 1st teams)
John James, P (Pro Football Weekly, Football Digest, 1st teams)
Dennis Havig, OG (UPI, Football Digest 1st team)
1973 Claude Humphrey, DE (UPI, AP, TSN, Pro Football Weekly, 1st teams)
George Kunz, OT (UPI, Pro Football Weekly, 1st teams)
Nick Mike-Mayer, K (TSN, Pro Football Weekly, AP, 1st teams)
1977 John James, P (TSN, 1st team)
Rolland Lawrence, DB (UPI, 1st team)
1980 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)
Jeff Van Note, C (UPI, 1st team)

1981 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)
1982 Mike Kenn, OT (UPI, 1st team)
R.C. Thielemann, OG (UPI, 1st team)
William Andrews, RB (UPI, 1st team)
1983 Mike Kenn, T (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team; UPI 2nd team)
Billy Johnson, PR (Pro Football Weekly, 1st team)
R.C. Thielemann, G (UPI, 2nd team)
1984 Mike Kenn, T (UPI, 2nd team)
Gerald Riggs, RB (UPI, 2nd team)
1986 Bill Fralic, G (UPI, Pro Football Weekly, 1st Team)
Rick Bryan, DE (UPI, 2nd Team)

Pro Bowl

(following listed season)
1966 Tommy Nobis, LB
1967 Tommy Nobis, LB (2)
1968 Tommy Nobis, LB (3)
1969 Jim Butler, RB
Bob Berry, QB
Greg Brezina, LB
Bob Etter, K
George Kunz, OT
Jim Mitchell, TE
Ken Reaves, DB
1970 Claude Humphrey, DE
George Kunz, OT (2)
Tommy Nobis, LB (4)
1971 Claude Humphrey, DE (2)
1972 Tommy Nobis, LB (5)
Jim Mitchell, TE (2)
Claude Humphrey, DE (3)
1973 John Zook, DE
Nick Mick-Mayer, K
George Kunz, OT (3)
Claude Humphrey, DE (4)
1974 Jeff Van Note, C
Claude Humphrey, DE (5)
1975 Jeff Van Note, C (2)
John James, P
1976 John James, P (2)
1977 John James, P (3)
Claude Humphrey, DE (6)
Rolland Lawrence, DB
1979 Jeff Van Note, C (3)
1980 Mike Kenn, OT
Steve Bartkowski, QB
Jeff Van Note, C (4)
Alfred Jenkins, WR
William Andrews, RB
Junior Miller, TE
1981 Mike Kenn, OT (2)
Steve Bartkowski, QB (2)
Jeff Van Note, C (5)
Alfred Jenkins, WR (2)
William Andrews, RB (2)
Junior Miller, TE (2)
R.C. Thielemann, OG
1982 Mike Kenn, OT (3)
R.C. Thielemann, OG (2)
Jeff Van Note, C (6)
William Andrews, RB (3)
1983 William Andrews, RB (4)
Billy Johnson, PR
Mike Kenn, T (4)
R.C. Thielemann, G (3)
1984 Mike Kenn, T (5)
1985 Gerald Riggs, RB
1986 Bill Fralic, G
Gerald Riggs, RB (2)

BILL FRALIC

Regular Season Attendance

Year	Home Avg.	Road Avg.	Total Avg.
1966	52,017	49,292	50,654
1967	46,977	53,082	50,030
1968	42,501	48,985	45,743
1969	47,832	51,723	49,777
1970	51,854	57,381	54,617
1971	54,589	59,866	57,228
1972	51,974	60,033	56,004
1973	49,656	57,038	53,347
1974	37,858	55,397	46,627
1975	40,723	50,183	45,453
1976	37,874	47,831	42,853
1977	50,060	44,157	47,108
1978	54,366	46,072	50,219
1979	50,957	54,391	52,674
1980	55,182	56,444	55,813
1981	52,410	61,799	57,104
1982	43,530	62,409	51,920
1983	41,670	55,718	48,694
1984	39,044	51,523	43,283
1985	34,017	51,571	42,794
1986	48,740	54,392	51,566
Totals	46,849	53,775	50,167

Top Home Crowds

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
60,022	Dallas	1-4-81	27-30
59,257	Minnesota	10-30-77	7-14
58,850	28 times		

Top Road Crowds

Attendance	Opponent	Date	Score
83,437	New Orleans	11-26-67	24-27
78,283	Cleveland	9-27-81	17-28
77,042	New Orleans	9-20-70	14-3
76,825	Cleveland	10-31-71	31-14
75,954	New Orleans	12-19-71	24-20

Year-by-Year Home and Away

Year	Home	Away	Overall	Year	Home	Away	Overall
1966	1-6	2-5	3-11	1977	4-3	3-4	7-7
1967	1-5-1	0-7	1-12-1	1978	7-1	2-6	9-7
1968	1-6	1-6	2-12	1979	3-5	3-5	6-10
1969	4-3	2-5	6-8	1980	6-2	6-2	12-4
1970	3-4	1-4-2	4-8-2	1981	4-4	3-5	7-9
1971	4-3	3-3-1	7-6-1	1982	2-3	3-1	5-4
1972	4-3	3-4	7-7	1983	4-4	3-5	7-9
1973	4-3	5-2	9-5	1984	2-6	2-6	4-12
1974	2-5	1-6	3-11	1985	3-5	1-7	4-12
1975	3-4	1-6	4-10	1986	2-5-1	5-3	7-8-1
1976	3-4	1-6	4-10	**Totals**	**67-84-2**	**51-98-3**	**118-182-5**

(Falcons are 1-3 in playoffs, 1-1 at home and 0-2 on the road)

Falcon Draft Choices

1966

1. Tommy Nobis, lb (1) ..... Texas
   Randy Johnson, qb (15) ..... Texas A&I
2. Nick Rassas, s ..... Notre Dame
   Jerry Jones, t ..... Bowling Green
3. Mike Dennis, rb ..... Mississippi
   Phil Sheridan, te ..... Notre Dame
4. Ken Reaves, cb ..... Norfolk State
   Bill Asbury, rb ..... Kent State
5. Bill Wolski, rb ..... Notre Dame
   Martin Kahn, t ..... N. Texas State
6. Charlie Casey, wr ..... Florida
7. Bill Johnson, rb ..... Suwanee
8. Bill Goss, lb ..... Tulane
9. Bob Sanders, c ..... No. Texas State
10. Mike Bender, g ..... Arkansas
11. Steve Sloan, qb ..... Alabama
12. Ken Hollister, t ..... Indiana
13. Bob Collins, t ..... South Carolina
14. Steve Ecker, p ..... Shippensburg State
15. Tommy Tolleson, wr ..... Alabama
16. Jim Vining, g ..... Rice
17. Lurley Archambeau, c ..... Toledo
18. Doug Korver, c ..... State Col. of Iowa
19. Walt Mainer, cb-s ..... Xavier
20. Bob Riggle, s ..... Penn. State

1967

1. Choice traded to San Francisco
2. Leo Carroll, de (31) ... San Diego State
3. Jimmy Jordan, rb ..... Florida
4. Choice traded to Cleveland
5. Bill Delaney, te ..... Amer. Internat'l
   Randy Matson, de ..... Texas A&M
   (from San Francisco)
6. Choice traded to Baltimore
   Gene Snipes, wr ..... Elizabeth City
   (from Los Angeles)
   Martine Bercher, cb-s ..... Arkansas
   (from Baltimore)
7. Corey Colehour, qb ..... North Dakota
8. Choice traded to Washington
9. Bob Moten, wr ..... Bishop, Tex.
10. Dick Schafroth, t ..... Iowa
11. John Walker, lb ..... Jackson State
12. Bill Gentry, lb ..... North Carolina State
13. Sandor Szabo, k ..... Ithaca
14. Tom Bryan, rb ..... Auburn
15. Al Nicholas, rb ..... Sacramento State
16. Larry Chester, cb-s ..... Allen
17. Bill Buckner, qb ..... Delta State

1968

1. Claude Humphrey, de (3) ..... Tenn. St.
2. Carlton Dabney, dt ..... Morgan State
   John Wright, wr ..... Illinois
   (from Green Bay through Los Angeles)
3. Choice traded to Chicago
4. Choice traded to St. Louis
5. Choice traded to Washington
6. Jim Hagle, rb ..... So. Methodist
   Joe Wynns, cb-s ..... S. Carolina State
   (from Pittsburgh)
   Rick Eber, wr ..... Tulsa
   (from Baltimore)
7. Choice traded to Minnesota
8. Ray Jeffords, te ..... Georgia
9. Henry Holland, c ..... No. Texas State
10. Mike Tomasini, dt ..... Colorado State
11. Greg Brezina, lb ..... Houston
12. A.J. Vaughan, rb ..... Wayne State
13. Bill Harris, rb ..... Colorado
14. Joe Polk, rb ..... Livingstone, N.C.
15. Don Bean, wr ..... Houston
16. Roy Hall, t ..... San Jose State
17. Jim Schmidt, cb-s ..... San Francisco

1969

1. George Kunz, t (2) ..... Notre Dame
2. Paul Gipson, rb ..... Houston
3. Malcolm Snider, g ..... Stanford
   Jon Sandstrom, g ..... Oregon State
   (From N.Y. Giants thru Los Angeles)
4. Jim Mitchell, te ..... Prairie View
   Dicky Lyons, rb ..... Kentucky
   (from Baltimore)
5. Choice traded to Minnesota
   Tony Pleviak, dt ..... Illinois
   (from Dallas through Baltimore)
6. Choice traded to Los Angeles
   Wally Oyler, cb-s ..... Louisville
   (from Detroit)
7. Dick Enderle, g ..... Minnesota
   Ted Cottrell, lb ..... Delaware Valley
   (from Detroit)
8. Jim Callahan, wr ..... Temple
9. Choice traded to Baltimore
10. Jeff Stanciel, rb ..... Miss. Valley
11. Jeff Van Note, c ..... Kentucky
12. Denver Samples, de ..... Texas-El Paso
13. Harry Carpenter, g. ... Tennessee State
14. Billy Hunt, cb-s ..... Kansas
15. Jim Weatherford, s ..... Tennessee
16. Ed. Hughes, rb ..... Texas Southern
17. Paul Williams, wr ..... California

1970

1. John Small, lb (12) . . . . . Citadel
2. Art Malone, rb . . . . . Arizona State
3. Andy Maurer, g . . . . . Oregon
   Todd Synder, wr . . . . . Ohio U.
   (from N.Y. Giants)
4. Paul Reed, t . . . . . Johnson C. Smith
   (from Philadelphia)
   Choice traded to St. Louis
5. Bruce Van Ness, rb . . . . . Rutgers
   (from Philadelphia thru N.Y. Giants)
   Ken Mendenhall, c . . . . . Oklahoma
6. Mack Herron, rb . . . . . Kansas State
   Jade Butcher, wr . . . . . Indiana
   (from Washington)
   Randy Marshall, de . . . . . Linfield
   (from Los Angeles)
7. Choice traded to Los Angeles
   Gary Orcutt, wr . . . . . S. California
   (from N.Y. Giants)
8. Larry Brewer, te . . . . . Louisiana Tech
   (from N.Y. Giants)
   Seth Miller, s . . . . . Arizona State
9. Roy Robinson, cb-s . . . . . Montana
10. Jim Hatcher, cb-s . . . . . Kansas
11. Mike Brunson, wr-rb . . . . . Arizona State
12. Lonnie Holton, rb . . . Northern Michigan
13. Rick Stepanek, dt . . . . . Iowa
14. Chuck Wald, wr . . . . . No. Dakota State
15. Keith Mauney, cb-s . . . . . Princeton
16. Steve Parnell, wr . . . . . Massachusetts
17. Bill Bell, k . . . . . Kansas

1971

1. Joe Profit, rb (7) . . . . . N.E. Louisiana
2. Ken Burrow, wr . . . . . San Diego State
3. Leo Hart, qb . . . . . Duke
4. Mike Potchad, dt . . . . . Pittsburg State
5. Ray Jarvis, wr . . . . . Norfolk State
6. Tom Hayes, cb . . . . . San Diego State
   Ray Brown, s . . . . . West Texas State
   (from N.Y. Giants)
7. Wes Chesson, wr . . . . . Duke
8. Dennis Havig, g . . . . . Colorado
9. Alvin Griffin, wr . . . . . Tuskegee
10. Faddie Tillman, de . . . . . Boise State
11. Larry Shears, cb-s . . . . . Lincoln, Mo.
12. Ronny Lowe, wr . . . . . Fort Valley State
13. Dan Crooks, cb-s . . . . . Wisconsin
14. Deryl Comer, te . . . . . Texas
15. Wallace Clark, rb . . . . . Auburn
16. Lindsey James, rb-te . . . . San Diego St.
17. Willie Martin, rb . . . . . Johnson C. Smith

1972

1. Clarence Ellis, s (15) . . . . . Notre Dame
2. Pat Sullivan, qb . . . . . Auburn
   (from Philadelphia thru Detroit)
   Steve Okoniewski, t . . . . . Montana
   (from Detriot)
   Roosevelt Manning, dt . . . . . N.E. Okla.
3. Les Goodman, rb . . . . . Yankton, S.D.
4. Andy Howard, dt . . . . . Grambling
5. Bill Taylor, rb . . . . . Michigan
   (from Buffalo)
   Ralph Cindrich, lb . . . . . Pittsburgh
6. Mike Perfetti, p-s . . . . . Minnesota
   (from New England thru N.Y. Giants)
   Fred Riley, wr . . . . . Idaho
   (choice reacquired from New Orleans)
7. Lance Moon, rb . . . . . Wisconsin
8. Hank Brandon, rb . . . . . Southern U.
9. Ray Easterling, s . . . . . Richmond
10. Choice traded to St. Louis
11. Jack Phillips, wr . . . . . Grambling
12. Larry Mialik, te . . . . . Wisconsin
13. Henry Sovio, te . . . . . Hawaii
14. Tom Chandler, lb . . . . . Minnesota
15. Oscar Jenkins, cb . . . . . Virginia Union
16. Larry Butler, lb . . . . . Stanford
17. Bill Holland, rb . . . . . So. California

1973

1. Choice traded to Houston
2. Greg Marx, dt (39) . . . . . Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to San Diego through
   Oakland
4. Thomas Geredine, wr . . N.E. Mo. State
5. Choice traded to Washington
6. Nick Bebout, t . . . . . Wyoming
7. George Campbell, cb . . . . . Iowa St.
8. Tom Reed, g. . . . . Arkansas
9. Russ Ingram, c . . . . . Tex. Tech
10. Nick Mike-Mayer, k . . . . . Temple
11. Byron Buelow, db . . . . . LaCrosse, Wis.
12. Mike Samples, dt . . . . . Drake
13. Chris Stecher, t . . . . . Claremont-Mudd
14. John Madeya, qb . . . . . Louisville
15. Tom Gage, db . . . . . Lamar Tech
16. Rufus Ferguson, rb . . . . . Wisconsin
17. Jim Hodge, wr . . . . . Arkansas

1974

1. Traded choice and quarterback Bob
   Berry to Minnesota for veterans Bob
   Lee, a quarterback, and linebacker
   Lonnie Warwick.
2. Gerald Tinker, wr (44). . . . . Kent State

3. Kim McQuilken, qb ..... Lehigh
Maurice Spencer, db ..... N. Carolina Central
4. Vince Kendrick, rb ..... Florida
5. Henry Childs, te ..... Kansas State
Monroe Eley, rb ..... Ariz. State
6. Doyle Orange, rb ..... Southern Miss.
7. James Coode, t ..... Michigan
8. Choice to Green Bay through New Orleans
9. Larry Bailey, dt ..... Pacific
10. Paul Ryczek, c ..... Virginia
11. Eddie Wilson, wr ..... Albany State
12. Vic Koegel, lb ..... Ohio State
13. Ralph Powell, rb ..... Nebraska
14. John Givens, g ..... Villanova
15. Willie Jones, wr ..... Iowa State
16. Sylvester McGee, rb ..... Rhode Island
17. Al Davis, g-t ..... Boise State

1975

1. Steve Bartkowski, qb (1) ..... California
2. Ralph Ortega, lb ..... Florida
3. Woody Thompson, rb ..... Miami
4. John Nessel, g ..... Penn. State
5. Greg McCrary, te ..... Clark
6. Fulton Kuykendall, lb ..... UCLA
Doug Payton, g ..... Colorado
7. Mike Esposito, rb ..... Boston College
8. Brent Adams, t ..... Univ. Tenn/C'nooga
9. Brad Davis, rb ..... LSU
10. Marshall Mills, wr ..... West Virginia
11. Jeff Merrow, dt ..... West Virginia
12. Alonza Pickett, t ..... Texas Southern
13. Carl Russ, lb ..... Michigan
14. Steve Robinson, dt ..... Tuskegee
15. Jimmy Robinson, wr ..... Georgia Tech
16. Steve Knutson, g ..... Southern Cal.
17. Mitch Anderson, qb ..... Northwestern

1976

1. Bubba Bean, rb (9) ..... Texas A&M
2. Sonny Collins, rb ..... Kentucky
3. Dave Scott, t ..... Kansas
4. Walt Brett, de ..... Montana
5. Traded to Minnesota
6. Stan Varner, dt ..... Brigham Young
7. Karl Farmer, wr ..... Pittsburgh
8. Frank Reed, db ..... Washington
9. Phil McKinnely, t ..... UCLA
10. No Selection
11. Chuck Brislin, t ..... Mississippi State
12. Pat Bolton, k ..... Montana State
13. Mike Williams, t ..... Florida
14. Mark Husfloen, de ... Washington State
15. Ron Olson, db ..... Washington
16. Pat Curto, lb ..... Ohio State
17. Tony Green, db ..... Texas Tech

1977

1. Warren Byrant, ot (6) ..... Kentucky
Wilson Faumuina, dt (20) .. San Jose State
2. R.C. Thielemann, og-c ..... Arkansas
3. Edgar Fields, dt-de ..... Texas A&M
4. Allan Leavitt, ks ..... Georgia
5. Shelton Diggs, wr ..... So. California
6. Keith Jenkins, db ..... Cincinnati
7. No selection.
8. Walter Packer, wr .... Mississippi State
9. John Maxwell, ot ..... Boston College
Robert Speer, de ..... Arkansas State
10. Billy Ryckman, wr ..... Louisiana Tech
11. Dave Farmer, rb ... Southern California
12. Don Parrish, de ..... Pittsburgh

1978

1. Mike Kenn, ot (13) ..... Michigan
2. Steve Stewart, lb ..... Minnesota
3. Stan Waldemore, og ..... Nebraska
4. Brian Cabral, lb ..... Colorado
5. Dennis Pearson, wr ..... San Diego St.
6. Rodney Parker, wr ..... Tennessee St.
7. Alfred Jackson, wr ..... Texas
James Wright, te ..... Texas Christian
8. David Adkins, lb ..... Ohio St.
David Williams, db .. Tennessee-Martin
9. Tom Pridemore, db ..... West Virginia
10. Ricky Patton, rb ..... Jackson St.
Ray Strong, rb ..... Nevada-Las Vegas
11. Milton "Scooter" Reed, db ..... Baylor
12. Daria Butler, lb ..... Oklahoma St.

1979

1. Don Smith, de (17) ..... Miami
2. Pat Howell, og ..... Southern California
3. James Mayberry, rb ..... Colorado
William Andrews, rb ..... Auburn
4. Lynn Cain, rb ..... Southern California
Charles Johnson, db ..... Grambling
5. Mike Zele, dt ..... Kent State
6. Mike Moroski, qb ..... Cal-Davis
7. Roger Westlund, ot ..... Washington
8. Keith Miller, lb ..... NE Oklahoma
9. Dave Parkin, db ..... Utah State
10. Bruce Beekley, lb ..... Oregon
11. Bill Leer, c ..... Colorado St.
12. Stuart Walker, lb ..... Colorado

1980

1. Junior Miller, te (7) ..... Nebraska
2. Buddy Curry, lb ..... North Carolina
3. Earl Jones, cb ..... Norfolk State
4. Jim Laughlin, lb ..... Ohio State
   I.M. Hipp, rb ..... Nebraska
5. Brad Vassar, lb ..... Pacific
   Kenny Johnson, db .. Mississippi State
6. Mike Davis, db ..... Colorado
7. Mike Smith, wr ..... Grambling
8. Al Richardson, lb ..... Georgia Tech
9. Glen Keller, c ..... West Texas State
10. Walt Bellamy, db ..... V.M.I.
11. Mike Babb, db ..... Oklahoma
12. Quinn Jones, rb ..... Tulsa

1981

1. Bobby Butler, cb (25) ..... Florida State
2. Lyman White, lb ..... Louisiana State
3. Scott Woerner, db ..... Georgia
4. John Scully, c ..... Notre Dame
5. Eric Sanders, ot ..... Nevada-Reno
6. Harry Stanback, dt ..... North Carolina
7. Matthew Teague, de ..... Prairie View
8. Cliff Toney, dc ..... Auburn
9. Calvin Fance, rb ..... Rice
10. Robert Murphy, ds ..... Ohio State
11. Keith Chappelle, wr ..... Iowa
12. Mark McCants, ds ..... Temple

1982

1. Gerald Riggs, rb (9) ..... Arizona State
2. Doug Rogers, de ..... Stanford
3. Stacey Bailey, wr ..... San Jose State
4. Reggie Brown, rb ..... Oregon
5. Von Mansfield, db ..... Wisconsin
6. Mike Kelley, qb ..... Georgia Tech
7. David Toloumu, rb ..... Hawaii
8. Ricky Eberhart, db ..... Morris Brown
9. Mike Horan, p .. Cal State-Long Beach
10. Curtis Stowers, lb .... Mississippi State
11. Jeff Keller, wr ..... Washington State
12. Dave Levenick, lb ..... Wisconsin

1983

1. Mike Pitts, de (16) ..... Alabama
2. James Britt, db ..... LSU
3. Andrew Provence, dt ... South Carolina
4. John Harper, lb ..... Sou. Illinois
5. Brett Miller, ot ..... Iowa
6. Anthony Allen, wr ..... Washington
7. Jeff Turk, db ..... Boise State
8. John Rade, lb ..... Boise State
9. Traded to Baltimore
10. Ralph Giacomarro, p ..... Penn State
11. John Salley, db ..... Wyoming
12. Allama Matthews, te ..... Vanderbilt

1984

1. Rick Bryan, dt (9) ..... Oklahoma
2. Scott Case, s ..... Oklahoma
   Thomas Benson, lb ..... Oklahoma
3. Rodney McSwain, db ..... Clemson
4. Rydell Malancon, lb ..... LSU
5. Cliff Benson, te ..... Purdue
6. Ben Bennett, qb ..... Duke
   Dan Ralph, dt ..... Oregon
7. Kirk Dodge, lb ..... Nevada-Las Vegas
8. Jeff Jackson, lb ..... Auburn
9. Glenn Howe, t ... Southern Mississippi
10. Derrick Franklin, db ..... Fresno State
11. Tommy Norman, wr ..... Jackson State
12. Don Holmes, wr ..... Colorado

*Supplemental Draft
June 5, 1984

1. Joey Jones, wr (9) ..... Alabama (Birmingham)
2. Mike McInnis, dt ..... Ark-Pine Bluff (Philadelphia)
3. Dennis Woodberry, db ..... Southern Arkansas (Birmingham)

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1985

1. Bill Fralic, t (2) ..... Pittsburgh
2. Mike Gann, de ..... Notre Dame
3. Choice traded to Minnesota
4. Emile Harry, wr ..... Stanford
5. Choice traded to St. Louis
6. Reggie Pleasant, cb ..... Clemson
7. Choice traded to Cincinnati
8. Ashley Lee, s ..... Virginia Tech
   Ronnie Washington, lb . N.E. Louisiana
9. Micah Moon, lb ..... North Carolina
10. Brent Martin, c ..... Stanford
11. John Ayres, cb ..... Illinois
12. Ken Whisenhunt, te ..... Georgia Tech

1986

1a. Tony Casillas, nt (2) ..... Oklahoma
1b. Tim Green, lb (17)..... Syracuse
2. Traded to Washington in '85 for lb in '86
3. Traded earlier for qb Turk Schonert
4. Traded to L.A. Raiders for Bret Clark, s ..... Nebraska
5. Traded to Philadelphia for lb Joel Williams
6a. Floyd Dixon, wr ..... Stephen F. Austin
6b. Keith Williams, rb ..... Missouri
7. Traded earlier to Philadelphia for lb Reggie Wilkes
8. Kevin Hudgens, dt ..... Idaho State
9. Kevin Starks, te ..... Minnesota
10. Tony Baker, rb ..... East Carolina
11. Chris Hegg, qb ..... Missouri
12. Steve Griffin, wr ..... Purdue

1987

1. Chris Miller, qb (12) ..... Oregon
2. Kenny Flowers, rb ..... Clemson
3. Choice traded to Green Bay
4. Ralph Van Dyke, ot ... Southern Illinois
5. Mark Mraz, de ..... Utah State
6. Paul Kiser, og ..... Wake Forest
7. Michael Reid, lb ..... Wisconsin
8. Curtis Taliaferro, lb ..... Virginia Tech
9. Terrence Anthony, cb ..... Iowa State
10. Jerry Reese, te ..... Illinois
11. Elbert Shelley, s ..... Arkansas State
12. Larry Emery, rb ..... Wisconsin

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INSTANT REPLAY APPROVED FOR 1987

For the second year in a row, NFL clubs have approved a limited system of Instant Replay on a one-year basis.

The system basically stays the same as in 1986 with the exception that larger monitors will be used by Replay Officials. In 1986, there were 374 plays closely reviewed (defined as a contact to the field, but not necessarily stoppage of play). There were 38 reversals for an average of one reversal in each six games. There were three other rulings (clarification of rules) by Replay Officials.

In 1986, the system was approved by a 23-4-1 vote. In 1987, the vote was 21-7.

The NFL has discussed Instant Replay in some degree or other since the early 1970s. The League experimented in 1976 and 1978 using two basic frameworks—an independent system using cameras, replay machines, and technicians separate from the network covering the game, and a "no frills" approach using existing television coverage.

In 1985, the NFL used the network feed of nine nationally televised preseason games to experiment with the basic system that later was adopted for 1986 and 1987. A total of 28 plays were examined closely in 1985 (17 confirmed call, 4 were inconclusive, 1 was reversed, and 6 had no replay shown).

What is the objective of this system?

The clubs feel that on certain plays the telecast viewed by the general public should be used to correct an indisputable error. The system will be used to reverse an on-field decision only when the Replay Official has *indisputable visual evidence* available to him that warrants the change.

Is the television network carrying the game part of the review process?

No. Although the Replay Official will be viewing the live network feed, there is no communication to television personnel as to what plays to show or not to show.

What is the step-by-step procedure of play review?

The Replay Official will view game action and a play will be replayed immediately on one of the two monitors, while the other monitor continues to record the live feed.

The Replay Official makes a determination if further study of the play is needed. If not, there is no contact with the field and play continues without interruption.

If the Replay Official believes an error may have been made, the Umpire will be contacted via a headset.

The Replay Official will watch replay(s) on one or both monitors and complete his review within a reasonable period after the play is over.

The Replay Official will inform the Umpire of his decision, and the Referee will make the appropriate announcement on the wireless microphone.

The limited Instant Replay system concentrates on plays of possession or touching (e.g., fumbles, receptions, interceptions, muffs) and most plays governed by the sidelines, goal lines, end lines, and line of scrimmage (e.g., receiver or runner in or out of bounds, forward or backward passes, breaking the plane of the goal line).

However, the Instant Replay system will *not* include the following fouls: clipping; encroachment and offsides; grasp of facemask; false start; defensive pass interference; offensive pass interference; offensive holding and illegal use of hands; illegal batting or punching ball; illegal block on free kick or scrimmage kick; illegal crackback; illegal motion; illegal use of forearm or elbow; illegal use of hands by defense; illegally kicking the ball; illegally snapping the ball; intentional grounding; member of the punting team downfield early; illegal formation; palpably unfair act; piling on; roughing the passer; running into or roughing the kicker; striking, kicking, or kneeing; unnecessary roughness; unsportsmanlike conduct; and use of the helmet as a weapon.

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CLUB HISTORY

Falcons on Prime Time TV (6-11)

		Next Week (6-11)
Nov. 30, 1970 (Monday)	**Miami 20 Atlanta 7** at Atlanta (54,036) Larry Csonka gains 109 yards to pace Dolphin victory	San Francisco 24 Atlanta 20
Nov. 22, 1971 (Monday)	**Atlanta 28 Green Bay 21** at Atlanta (58,850) Bob Berry completes club record 16 of 21 passes	Minnesota 24 Atlanta 7
Nov. 20, 1972 (Monday)	**Washington 24 Atlanta 13** at Washington (53,039) Skins overcome 10-0 halftime deficit	Atlanta 23 Denver 20
Oct. 1, 1973 (Monday)	**Detroit 31 Atlanta 6** at Detroit (45,519) Lions coast after taking 21-3 halftime lead	San Francisco 13 Atlanta 9
Nov. 19, 1973 (Monday)	**Atlanta 20 Minnesota 14** at Atlanta (58,850) QB Bob Lee is hero as Falcons trip unbeaten Vikes	Atlanta 28 N.Y. Jets 20
Oct. 28, 1974 (Monday)	**Pittsburgh 24 Atlanta 17** at Pittsburgh (48,094) Steelers break 14-14 halftime tie for victory	Miami 42 Atlanta 7
Oct. 30, 1978 (Monday)	**Atlanta 15 Los Angeles 7** at Atlanta (57,250) Mazzetti's five field goals provide all Atlanta points	Atlanta 21 San Francisco 10
Sept. 10, 1979 (Monday)	**Atlanta 14 Philadelphia 10** at Philadelphia (66,935) Andrews gains 121 rushing to key win	Denver 20 Atlanta 17
Oct. 29, 1979 (Monday)	**Seattle 31 Atlanta 28** at Atlanta (52,566) Late interceptions kill Falcons comeback bid	Atlanta 17 Tampa Bay 14
Nov. 19, 1979 (Monday)	**Los Angeles 20 Atlanta 14** at Los Angeles (54,097) Penalties costly in narrow defeat for Falcons	New Orleans 37 Atlanta 6
Oct. 5, 1981 (Monday)	**Philadelphia 16 Atlanta 13** at Philadelphia (71,488) Mistakes were costly in Atlanta's defeat	Los Angeles 37 Atlanta 35
Nov. 23, 1981 (Monday)	**Atlanta 31 Minnesota 30** at Atlanta (54,086) Four interceptions, one returned for TD by Buddy Curry clinched victory	Atlanta 31 Houston 27
Dec. 14, 1981 (Monday)	**Los Angeles 21 Atlanta 16** at Los Angeles (57,054) Andrews rushed for 115 yards in losing effort	Cincinnati 30 Atlanta 28
Dec. 19, 1982 (Sunday)	**Atlanta 17 San Francisco 7** at San Francisco (53,234) Andrews rushes for 108 yards as Falcons claim NFC playoff berth	Green Bay 38 Atlanta 7
Nov. 18, 1983 (Monday)	**Los Angeles Rams 36 Atlanta 13** at Atlanta (31,203) Dickerson rushes for 146 and Falcons turn it over four times	Atlanta 28 San Francisco 24
Oct. 22, 1984 (Monday)	**Los Angeles Rams 24 Atlanta 10** at Atlanta (52,861) Eric Dickerson rushes for 145 yards and one TD	Pittsburgh 35 Atlanta 10
Nov. 5, 1984 (Monday)	**Washington 27 Atlanta 14** at Washington (51,301) Riggins scores twice. Bartkowski hurt	New Orleans 17 Atlanta 13

Falcons vs. The NFL

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Falcons vs. Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	67	48
Falcons vs. Chicago	9	6	0	.600	285	256
Falcons vs. Cincinnati	1	4	0	.200	72	129
Falcons vs. Cleveland	1	6	0	.143	112	188
Falcons vs. Dallas	2	8	0	.200	149	271
Falcons vs. Denver	3	3	0	.500	147	156
Falcons vs. Detroit	5	12	0	.294	330	375
Falcons vs. Green Bay	6	8	0	.429	235	354
Falcons vs. Houston	4	1	0	.800	127	81
Falcons vs. Indianapolis	0	9	0	.000	115	257
Falcons vs. Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	24	55
Falcons vs. L.A. Raiders	1	4	0	.200	115	172
Falcons vs. Los Angeles Rams	9	29	2	.237	522	864
Falcons vs. Miami	1	4	0	.200	75	127
Falcons vs. Minnesota	6	9	0	.400	221	357
Falcons vs. New England	2	3	0	.400	108	96
Falcons vs. New Orleans	24	12	0	.676	845	599
Falcons vs. New York Giants	6	5	0	.545	185	188
Falcons vs. New York Jets	2	2	0	.500	76	83
Falcons vs. Philadelphia	6	7	1	.462	242	251
Falcons vs. Pittsburgh	1	6	0	.143	135	238
Falcons vs. St. Louis	4	6	0	.400	215	233
Falcons vs. San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	69	26
Falcons vs. San Francisco	17	22	1	.436	625	779
Falcons vs. Seattle	0	3	0	.000	67	91
Falcons vs. Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	95	95
Falcons vs. Washington	2	9	1	.208	188	291
Totals	**119**	**185**	**5**	**.391**	**5446**	**6660**

"IT'S NEVER OVER UNTIL IT'S OVER"

On Sept. 13, 1981, the Falcons trailed the Green Bay Packers, 17-0, at the end of three quarters. Then, in a span of 4 minutes, 24 seconds, the Falcons scored 24 points to take the lead and finished with 31 points in the 4th quarter to tie the NFL record for points in that quarter. The rally included a Luckhurst FG, a 53-yard Smith punt return to the two (Andrews TD), a 30-yard TD pass to Jenkins, a Kuykendall 20-yard TD interception return, and then a 56-yard Williams' TD fumble return. The defense checked the Packers that quarter with two sacks, two interceptions, a fumble recovery, and minus two net yards rushing.

Series Vs. Opponents

ATLANTA vs. BUFFALO
Series tied, 2-2
1973-Bills, 17-6 (A)
1977-Bills, 3-0 (B)
1980-Falcons, 30-14 (B)
1983-Falcons, 31-14 (A)
(Points-Falcons 67, Bills 48)

ATLANTA vs. CHICAGO
Falcons lead series, 9-6
1966-Bears, 23-6 (C)
1967-Bears, 23-14 (A)
1968-Falcons, 16-13 (C)
1969-Falcons, 48-31 (A)
1970-Bears, 23-14 (A)
1972-Falcons, 37-21 (C)
1973-Falcons, 46-6 (A)
1974-Falcons, 13-10 (A)
1976-Falcons, 10-0 (C)
1977-Falcons, 16-10 (C)
1978-Bears, 13-7 (C)
1980-Falcons, 28-17 (A)
1983-Falcons, 20-17 (C)
1985-Bears, 36-0 (C)
1986-Bears, 13-10 (A)
(Points-Falcons 285, Bears 256)

ATLANTA vs. CINCINNATI
Bengals lead series, 4-1
1971-Falcons, 9-6 (C)
1975-Bengals, 21-14 (A)
1978-Bengals, 37-7 (C)
1981-Bengals, 30-28 (A)
1984-Bengals, 35-14 (C)
(Points-Bengals 129, Falcons 72)

ATLANTA vs. CLEVELAND
Browns lead series, 6-1
1966-Browns, 49-17 (A)
1968-Browns, 30-7 (C)
1971-Falcons, 31-14(C)
1976-Browns, 20-17 (A)
1978-Browns, 24-16 (A)
1981-Browns, 28-17 (C)
1984-Browns, 23-7 (A)
(Points-Browns 188, Falcons, 112)

ATLANTA vs. DALLAS
Cowboys lead series, 8-2
1966-Cowboys, 47-14 (A)
1967-Cowboys, 37-7 (D)
1969-Cowboys, 24-17 (A)
1970-Cowboys, 13-0 (D)
1974-Cowboys, 24-0 (A)
1976-Falcons, 17-10 (A)
1978-*Cowboys, 27-20 (D)
1980-*Cowboys, 30-27 (A)
1985-Cowboys, 24-10 (D)
1986-Falcons, 37-35 (D)
(Points-Cowboys 271, Falcons 149)
*NFC Divisional Playoff

ATLANTA vs. DENVER
Series tied, 3-3
1970-Broncos, 24-10 (D)
1972-Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1975-Falcons, 35-21 (A)
1979-Broncos, 20-17 (A) OT
1982-Falcons, 34-27 (D)
1985-Broncos, 44-28 (A)
(Points-Falcons 147, Broncos 156)

ATLANTA vs. DETROIT
Lions lead series, 12-5
1966-Lions, 28-10 (D)
1967-Lions, 24-3 (D)
1968-Lions, 24-7(A)
1969-Lions, 27-21 (D)
1971-Lions, 41-38 (D)
1972-Lions, 26-23 (A)
1973-Lions, 31-6 (D)
1975-Lions, 17-14 (A)
1976-Lions, 24-10 (D)
1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)
1978-Falcons, 14-0 (A)
1979-Lions, 24-23 (D)
1980-Falcons, 43-28 (A)
1983-Falcons, 30-14 (D)
1984-Lions, 27-24 (A) OT
1985-Lions 28, Atlanta 27 (A)
1986-Falcons, 20-6 (D)
(Points-Lions 375, Falcons 330)

ATLANTA vs. GREEN BAY
Packers lead series, 8-6
1966-Packers, 56-3 (Mil)
1967-Packers, 23-0 (Mil)
1968-Packers, 38-7 (A)
1969-Packers, 28-10 (GB)
1970-Packers, 27-24 (GB)
1971-Falcons, 28-21 (A)
1972-Falcons, 10-9 (Mil)
1974-Falcons, 10-3 (A)
1975-Packers, 22-13 (GB)
1976-Packers, 24-20 (A)
1979-Falcons, 25-7 (A)
1981-Falcons, 31-17 (GB)
1982-Packers, 38-7 (A)
1983-Falcons, 47-41 (A) OT
(Points-Packers 354, Falcons 235)

ATLANTA vs. HOUSTON
Falcons lead series, 4-1
1972-Falcons, 20-10 (A)
1976-Oilers, 20-14 (H)
1978-Falcons, 20-14 (A)
1981-Falcons, 31-27 (H)
1984-Falcons 42, Oilers 10 (A)
(Points-Falcons 127, Oilers 81)

ATLANTA vs. INDIANAPOLIS
Colts lead series, 9-0
1966-Colts, 19-7 (A)
1967-Colts, 38-31 (B)
Colts, 49-7 (A)
1968-Colts, 28-20 (A)
Colts, 44-0 (B)
1969-Colts, 21-14 (A)
Colts, 13-6 (B)
1974-Colts, 17-7 (A)
1986-Colts, 28-23 (A)
(Points, Colts 257, Falcons 115)

ATLANTA vs. KANSAS CITY
Chiefs lead series, 2-0
1972-Chiefs, 17-14 (A)
1985-Chiefs, 38-10 (KC)
(Points-Chiefs 55, Falcons 24)

ATLANTA vs. L.A. RAIDERS
Raiders lead series, 4-1
1971-Falcons, 24-13 (A)
1975-Raiders, 37-34 (O) OT
1979-Raiders, 50-19 (O)
1982-Raiders, 38-14 (A)
1985-Raiders, 34-24 (A)
(Points-Raiders 172, Falcons 115)

ATLANTA vs. L.A. RAMS
Rams lead series, 29-9-2
1966-Rams, 19-14 (A)
1967-Rams, 31-3 (A)
Rams, 20-3 (LA)
1968-Rams, 27-14 (LA)
Rams, 17-10 (A)
1969-Rams, 17-7 (LA)
Rams, 38-6 (A)
1970-Tie, 10-10 (LA)
Rams, 17-7 (A)
1971-Tie, 20-20 (LA)
Rams, 24-16 (A)
1972-Falcons, 31-3 (A)
Rams, 20-7 (LA)
1973-Rams, 31-0 (LA)
Falcons, 15-13 (A)
1974-Rams, 21-0 (LA)
Rams, 30-7 (A)
1975-Rams, 22-7 (LA)
Rams, 16-7 (A)
1976-Rams, 30-14 (A)
Rams, 59-0 (LA)
1977-Falcons, 17-6 (A)
Rams, 23-7 (LA)
1978-Rams, 10-0 (LA)
Falcons, 15-7 (A)
1979-Rams, 20-14 (LA)
Rams, 34-13 (A)
1980-Falcons, 13-10 (A)
Rams, 20-17 (LA) OT
1981-Rams, 37-35 (A)
Rams, 21-16 (LA)
1982-Falcons, 34-17 (A)
1983-Rams, 27-21 (LA)
Rams, 36-13 (A)
1984-Falcons, 30-28 (LA)
Rams, 24-10 (A)
1985-Rams, 17-6 (LA)
Falcons, 30-14 (A)
1986-Falcons, 26-14 (A)
Rams, 14-7 (LA)
(Points-Rams 864, Falcons 522)

ATLANTA vs. MIAMI
Dolphins lead series, 4-1
1970-Dolphins, 20-7 (A)
1974-Dolphins, 42-7 (M)
1980-Dolphins, 20-17 (A)
1983-Dolphins, 31-24 (M)
1986-Falcons, 20-14 (M)
(Points-Dolphins 127, Falcons 75)

ATLANTA vs. MINNESOTA
Vikings lead series, 9-6
1966-Falcons, 20-13 (M)
1967-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
1968-Vikings, 47-7 (M)
1969-Falcons, 10-3 (A)
1970-Vikings, 37-7 (A)
1971-Vikings, 24-7 (M)
1973-Falcons, 20-14 (A)
1974-Vikings, 23-10 (M)
1975-Vikings, 38-0 (M)
1977-Vikings, 14-7 (A)
1980-Vikings, 24-23 (M)
1981-Falcons, 31-30 (A)
1982-*Vikings, 30-24 (M)
1984-Vikings, 27-20 (M)
1985-Falcons, 14-13 (A)
(Points-Vikings 357, Falcons 221)
*NFC 1st round playoff

ATLANTA vs. NEW ENGLAND
Patriots lead series, 3-2
1972-Patriots, 21-20 (NE)
1977-Patriots, 16-10 (A)
1980-Falcons, 37-21 (NE)
1983-Falcons, 24-13 (A)

1986-Patriots, 25-17 (NE)
(Points-Patriots 96, Falcons 108)

ATLANTA vs. NEW ORLEANS
Falcons lead series, 24-12
1967-Saints, 27-24 (NO)
1969-Falcons, 45-17 (A)
1970-Falcons, 14-3 (NO)
Falcons, 32-14 (A)
1971-Falcons, 28-6 (A)
Falcons, 24-20 (NO)
1972-Falcons, 21-14 (NO)
Falcons, 36-20 (A)
1973-Falcons, 62-7 (NO)
Falcons, 14-10 (A)
1974-Saints, 14-13 (NO)
Saints, 13-3 (A)
1975-Falcons, 14-7 (A)
Saints, 23-7 (NO)
1976-Saints, 30-0 (NO)
Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1977-Saints, 21-20 (NO)
Falcons, 35-7 (A)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (NO)
Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1979-Falcons, 40-34 (NO) OT
Saints, 37-6 (A)
1980-Falcons, 41-14 (NO)
Falcons, 31-13 (A)
1981-Falcons, 27-0 (A)
Falcons, 41-10 (NO)
1982-Falcons, 35-0 (A)
Saints, 35-6 (NO)
1983-Saints, 19-17 (A)
Saints, 27-10 (NO)
1984-Falcons, 36-28 (NO)
Saints, 17-13 (A)
1985-Falcons, 31-24 (A)
Falcons, 16-10 (NO)
1986-Falcons, 31-10 (NO)
Saints, 14-9 (A)
(Points-Falcons 845, Saints 599

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. GIANTS
Falcons lead series, 6-5
1966-Falcons, 27-16 (NY)
1968-Falcons, 24-21 (A)
1971-Giants, 21-17 (A)
1974-Falcons, 14-7 (New Haven)
1977-Falcons, 17-3 (A)
1978-Falcons, 23-20 (A)
1979-Giants, 24-3 (NY)
1981-Giants, 27-24 (A) OT
1982-Falcons, 16-14 (NY)
1983-Giants, 16-13 (A) OT
1984-Giants, 19-7 (A)
(Points-Falcons 185, Giants 188)

ATLANTA vs. N.Y. JETS
Series tied, 2-2
1973-Falcons, 28-20 (NY)
1980-Jets, 14-7 (A)
1983-Falcons, 27-21 (NY)
1986-Jets, 28-14 (A)
(Points-Jets 83, Falcons 76)

ATLANTA vs. PHILADELPHIA
Eagles lead series 7-6-1
1966-Eagles, 23-10 (P)
1967-Eagles, 38-7 (A)
1969-Falcons, 27-3 (P)
1970-Tie, 13-13 (P)
1973-Falcons, 44-27 (P)
1976-Eagles, 14-13 (A)
1978*-Falcons, 14-13 (A)
1979-Falcons, 14-10 (P)
1980-Falcons, 20-17 (P)
1981-Eagles, 16-13 (P)
1983-Eagles, 28-24 (A)
1984-Falcons, 26-10 (A)
1985-Eagles, 23-17 (P)
1986-Eagles, 16-0 (A)
(Points-Eagles 251, Falcons 242)
*NFC First Round Playoff

ATLANTA vs. PITTSBURGH
Steelers lead series, 6-1
1966-Steelers, 57-33 (A)
1968-Steelers, 41-21 (A)
1970-Falcons, 27-16 (A)
1974-Steelers, 24-17 (P)
1978-Steelers, 31-7 (P)
1981-Steelers, 34-20 (A)
1984-Steelers, 35-10 (P)
(Points-Steelers 238, Falcons 135)

ATLANTA vs. ST. LOUIS
Cardinals lead series, 6-4
1966-Falcons, 16-10 (A)
1968-Cardinals, 17-12 (StL)
1971-Cardinals, 26-9 (A)
1973-Cardinals, 32-10 (A)
1975-Cardinals, 23-20 (StL)
1978-Cardinals, 42-21 (StL)
1980-Falcons, 33-27 (StL) OT
1981-Falcons, 41-20 (A)
1982-Cardinals, 23-20 (A)
1986-Falcons, 33-13 (A)
(Points-Cardinals 233, Falcons 215)

ATLANTA vs. SAN DIEGO
Falcons lead series, 2-0
1973-Falcons, 41-0 (SD)
1979-Falcons, 28-26 (SD)
(Points-Falcons 69, Chargers 26)

ATLANTA vs. SAN FRANCISCO
49ers lead series, 22-17-1
1966-49ers, 44-7 (A)
1967-49ers, 38-7 (SF)
49ers, 34-28 (A)
1968-49ers, 28-13 (SF)
49ers, 14-12 (A)
1969-Falcons, 24-12 (A)
Falcons, 21-7 (SF)
1970-Falcons, 21-20 (A)
49ers, 24-20 (SF)
1971-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
49ers, 24-3 (SF)
1972-49ers, 49-14 (A)
49ers, 20-0 (SF)
1973-49ers, 13-9 (A)
Falcons, 17-3 (SF)
1974-49ers, 16-10 (A)
49ers, 27-0 (SF)
1975-Falcons, 17-3 (SF)
Falcons, 31-9 (A)
1976-49ers, 15-0 (SF)
Falcons, 21-16 (A)
1977-Falcons, 7-0 (SF)
49ers, 10-3 (A)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (SF)
Falcons, 21-10 (A)
1979-49ers, 20-15 (SF)
Falcons, 31-21 (A)
1980-Falcons, 20-17 (SF)
Falcons, 35-10 (A)
1981-Falcons, 34-17 (A)
49ers, 17-14 (SF)
1982-Falcons, 17-7 (SF)
1983-49ers, 24-20 (SF)
Falcons, 28-24 (A)
1984-49ers, 14-5 (SF)
49ers, 35-17 (A)
1985-49ers, 35-16 (SF)
49ers, 38-17 (A)
1986-Tie, 10-10 (A)
49ers, 20-0 (SF)
(Points-49ers 779, Falcons 625)

ATLANTA vs. SEATTLE
Seahawks lead series, 3-0
1976-Seahawks, 30-13 (S)
1979-Seahawks, 31-28 (A)
1985-Seahawks, 30-26 (S)
(Points-Seahawks 91, Falcons 67)

ATLANTA vs. TAMPA BAY
Series tied, 3-3
1977-Falcons, 17-0 (TB)
1978-Buccaneers, 14-9 (TB)
1979-Falcons, 17-14 (A)
1981-Buccaneers, 24-23 (TB)
1984-Buccaneers, 23-6 (TB)
1986-Falcons, 23-20 (TB)
(Points-Falcons 95, Buccaneers 95)

ATLANTA vs. WASHINGTON
Redskins lead series, 9-2-1
1966-Redskins, 33-20 (W)
1967-Tie, 20-20 (A)
1969-Redskins, 27-20 (W)
1972-Redskins, 24-13 (W)
1975-Redskins, 30-27 (A)
1977-Redskins, 10-6 (W)
1978-Falcons, 20-17 (A)
1979-Redskins, 16-7 (A)
1980-Falcons, 10-6 (A)
1983-Redskins, 37-21 (W)
1984-Redskins, 27-14 (W)
1985-Redskins, 44-10 (A)
(Points-Redskins 291, Falcons 188)

NFL MAN OF YEAR FALCON WINNERS (For Off Field Community Involvement)

1975 ..... Tommy Nobis
1976 ..... Steve Bartkowski
1980 ..... Wallace Francis
1981 ..... William Andrews
1982 ..... Fulton Kuykendall
1983 ..... William Andrews
1984 ..... Jeff Van Note
1985 ..... Billy Johnson
1986 ..... Billy Johnson
1987 ..... Buddy Curry

NFC Playoffs

Atlanta 14, Philadelphia 13

December 24, 1978

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 49,447

After a less than scintillating first half, Steve Bartkowski turned it on for the final 30 minutes. He completed 13 of 20 for 193 yards and two touchdowns, both scoring aerials coming with less than five minutes remaining. His primary target was Wallace Francis, who scored the winning touchdown with 1:39 remaining on a 37-yard strike. He set up Bartkowski's first TD to Jim Mitchell at the 4:56 mark with a 49-yard reception down to the Eagles' 26-yard line. Francis finished the day with six catches for 135 yards. The first half was mostly a defensive struggle with teams exchanging punts eight times. The Falcons fumbled the ball away twice. One resulted in the Eagles' lone score, while the other came just 15 yards from paydirt. After leading 6-0 at halftime, Philadelphia took advantage of a shanked 17-yard punt by John James, driving 60 yards on eight plays early in the third period to take a 13-0 lead.

Philadelphia	6	0	7	0	13
Atlanta	0	0	0	14	14

Phil. — Carmichael, 13 pass from Jaworski (Kick failed)
Phil. — Montgomery, 1 run (Michel kick)
Atl. — Mitchell, 20 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Atl. — Francis, 37 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)

	Falcons	Eagles
First Downs	14	15
Net Yards Gained	298	217
Rushing Yardage	75	53
Passing Yardage	223	164
Passes/Comp/Had Int	32/18/2	35/19/0
Punts	7-33.1	9-33.7
Fumbles/Lost	3/3	3/2
Penalties	6/63	5/60

Rushing

Falcons — Stanback 16-58, Bean 9-14, Bartkowski 2-3

Eagles — Hogan 14-31, Montgomery 16-19 — 1td, Jaworski 1-3, Campfield 1-0

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 32-18-2-243-2td-2sk

Eagles — Jaworski 35-19-0-190-1td-3sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-135-1td, Bean 4-44, Mitchell 3-35-1td, Stanback 2-7, Pearson 1-13, Ryckman 1-5, Jackson 1-4

Eagles — Smith 7-108, Carmichael 5-45-1td, Osborne 3-15, Middlebrook 1-11, Pane 1-10, Hogan 1-6, Montgomery 1-(-5)

NFC Playoffs

Dallas 27, Atlanta 20

December 30, 1978

Texas Stadium, 60,338

A week earlier, it was a supreme second half effort which moved Atlanta one notch further in the playoffs. This week, the Falcons were shut out after intermission at which time they held a 20-13 lead. Bubba Bean had gained 60 yards in the first half, including a 14-yard scoring run, while Steve Bartkowski threw a touchdown to Wallace Francis. Tim Mazzetti rounded out the Falcons' efforts with a pair of field goals. Dallas' fortunes appeared to take a turn for the worse late in the first half when Roger Staubach left the game with an injury. Danny White came on, however, to bring Dallas from behind. He threw a tying TD pass in the third period to tight end Jackie Smith. Early in the fourth period, John James shanked a punt from the 20-yard line, allowing the Cowboys to drive in from 30 yards out in six plays.

Atlanta	7	13	0	0	20
Dallas	10	3	7	7	27

Dal. — Septien, 34 FG
Atl. — Bean, 14 run (Mazzetti kick)
Dal. — Laidlaw, 13 run (Septien kick)
Atl. — Mazzetti, 42 FG
Dal. — Septien, 48 FG
Atl. — Francis, 17 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Atl. — Mazzetti, 22 FG
Dal. — Smith, 2 pass from White (Septien kick)
Dal. — Laidlaw, 1 run (Septien kick)

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	16	26
Net Yards Gained	216	369
Rushing Yardage	164	148
Passing Yardage	52	221
Passes/Comp/Had Int	23/8/3	37/17/1
Punts	6-37.5	3-36.0
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	6/3
Penalties	7/69	7/65

Rushing

Falcons — Bean 17-72-1td, Stanback 9-62, Franklin 8-24, Esposito 2-6

Cowboys — Laidlaw 17-66-2td, Dorsett 14-65, White 3-(-4), Dupree 1-20, Staubach 1-3, D. Pearson 1-(-2)

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 23-8-3-95-1td-5sk

Cowboys — White 20-10-1-127-1td-1stk, Staubach 17-7-0-105-0td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66-1td, Ryckman 1-22, Esposito 1-7

Cowboys — Dupree 5-59, D. Pearson 4-75, Smith 3-38-1td, Hill 3-36, Laidlaw 1-15, Dorsett 1-9

NFC Playoffs

Dallas 30, Atlanta 27

January 4, 1981

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, 60,022

For the first three periods, it appeared as if Atlanta would move onward in the playoffs. It led Dallas 24-10 entering the final stanza and even held a 27-17 lead with five minutes left to play. But Danny White teamed up three times with Drew Pearson on a five-play, 62-yard scoring drive, the last play being a 14-yard TD strike. The Cowboys stopped Atlanta on four straight plays after the ensuing kickoff, and White drove his team 70 yards in six plays, securing the win with a 23-yard strike to Pearson with just 52 seconds to play.

Dallas	3	7	0	20	30
Atlanta	10	7	7	3	27

Atl. — Mazzetti, 38 FG
Atl. — Jenkins, 60 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal. — Septien, 38 FG
Dal. — Dupree, 5 pass from White (Septien kick)
Atl. — Cain, 1 run (Mazzetti kick)
Atl. — Andrews, 5 pass from Bartkowski (Mazzetti kick)
Dal. — Newhouse, 1 run (Septien kick)
Atl. — Mazzetti, 34 kick
Dal. — Pearson, 14 pass from White (Septien kick)
Dal. — Pearson, 23 pass from White (Kick failed)

	Falcons	Cowboys
First Downs	18	22
Net Yards Gained	349	422
Rushing Yardage	86	112
Passing Yardage	285	310
Passes/Comp/Had Int	33/18/1	40/25/1
Punts	4-36.0	4-38.8
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	4/1
Penalties	4/48	6/72

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 14-43, Cain 13-43-1td
Cowboys — Dorsett 10-51, Newhouse 6-31-1td, White 4-1, P. Pearson 1-11, D. Pearson 1-9, Dupree 1-5, Newsome 1-4

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 33-18-1-320-2td-4sk
Cowboys — White 39-25-1-322-3td-1sk, Springs 1-0-0-0-0td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Francis 6-66, Jenkins 4-155-1td, Miller 3-48, Cain 2-20, Andrews 2-19-1td, Jackson 1-12
Cowboys — D. Pearson 5-90-2td, Dorsett 5-40, Hill 4-53, P. Pearson 4-51, Springs 3-39, Dupree 3-29-1td, Johnson 1-20

NFC Playoffs

Minnesota 30, Atlanta 24

January 9, 1983

Hubert Humphrey Metrodome, 60,560

The Falcons' special teams were outstanding. On first possession Paul Davis blocked a punt which Doug Rogers recovered in the end zone for a TD. Minnesota added two field goals and a touchdown to lead 13-7 at half, before the special unit struck again, this time kicker Mick Luckhurst scoring on a 17-yard run with a pitch from holder Mike Moroski to take a 14-13 lead. A few moments later safety Bob Glazebrook intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards for a score, giving the Falcons a 21-13 lead. The roof caved in, however, at that point with the Vikings rallying for 17 points while all Atlanta could muster the rest of the way would be three.

Atlanta	7	0	14	3	24
Minnesota	3	10	3	14	30

Atl. — Rogers, fumble recovery (Luckhurst kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 33 FG
Min. — White, 36 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 30 FG
Atl. — Luckhurst, 17 run (Luckhurst kick)
Atl. — Glazebrook, 35 interception (Luckhurst kick)
Min. — Danmeier, 39 FG
Min. — McCullum, 11 pass from Kramer (Danmeier kick)
Atl. — Luckhurst, 41 FG
Min. — Brown, 5 run (Danmeier kick)

	Falcons	Vikings
First Downs	14	24
Net Yards Gained	235	378
Rushing Yardage	120	125
Passing Yardage	115	253
Passes/Comp/Had Int	23/9/2	34/20/1
Punts	5-42.6	5-32.0
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	4/0
Penalties	7/98	10/84

Rushing

Falcons — Andrews 11-48, Riggs 9-38, Cain 3-17, Luckhurst 1-17-1t
Vikings — Brown 23-81-1td, Nelson 4-24, Kramer 8-13, Galbreath 6-10, S. White 1-(-3)

Passing

Falcons — Bartkowski 23-9-2-134-0td-3sk
Vikings — Kramer 34-20-1-253-2td-0sk

Receiving

Falcons — Jenkins 2-52, Hodge 2-29, Riggs 2-16, Krepfle 1-18, Cain 1-14, Jackson 1-5
Vikings — Senser 6-81, McCullum 4-51-1td, Galbreath 3-14, White 2-61-1td, LeCount 2-24, Young 2-13, Brown 1-9

Falcons Historical Calendar

The Start
June 30, 1965

The NFL awards a franchise to 41-year-old Rankin M. Smith, Executive Vice President of Life Insurance Company of Georgia, for $8.5 million. At the time there were 14 NFL franchises in existence, 8 AFL clubs. Officially, Atlanta became the 23rd professional football club in existence, the 15th in the NFL prior to the merger of the Leagues.

Officially Titled
August 20, 1965

"Five Smiths, Inc.," is registered as the corporate name for the Atlanta franchise. It is so named for Rankin Smith's five children: Rankin, Jr., Carrol Christine, Dorothy Ann, Taylor, and Nancy Karen.

Stockholders
August 24, 1965

The listed stockholders of the franchise included: Lindsey Hopkins, Jr., Howard Dobbs, Jr., Cody Laird, Jr., I. M. Sheffield III, Dorothy Laird Williams, W. Barrett Howell, and M. E. Kilpatrick.

The Nickname
August 29, 1965

"Falcons" was suggested by many with a schoolteacher from Griffin, Georgia, being singled out because of her reasons. Miss Julia Elliott said: "the Falcon is proud and dignified, with great courage and fight. It never drops its prey. It is deadly and has a great sporting tradition." A logo was designed by Wayland Moore Studios.

You Need Players
Sept. 9, 1965

Halfback Bob Paremore and split end Gary Barnes, who had been in the NFL with the Cardinals and Bears, were the first two players to sign with the Falcons.

The First Draft
November 27, 1965

With the first pick in the entire draft, the Falcons chose Outland Trophy winning Linebacker Tommy Nobis from the University of Texas. After being drafted also by Houston of the AFL, he chose the Falcons on Dec. 14 and signed a contract. As the Falcons got two choices in each of the first five rounds, QB Randy Johnson of Texas A&I was the other first round pick by Atlanta. All told the Falcons gained 25 players in the 20 round draft, the last one being defensive back Bob Riggle from Penn State. Nobis is the club's Director of Marketing; while Riggle served 21 years as a team scout.

A 54-day Ticket Blitz
Nov. 1-Dec. 24, 1965

In seven weeks, the Falcons sold 45,000 season tickets, surpassing the previous NFL best of 26,000 by Minnesota. Those tickets sold for $6, with club level seats costing $10 a game.

The Head Coach
January 26, 1966

Norb Hecker, 39, left the Green Bay staff of Vince Lombardi to accept the job as the Falcons first head coach. He was with Lombardi seven years as they won three world titles and four conference titles. Gene Cronin, the Director of Player Personnel, deserves the distinction of being the first member of the Falcon organization named by Mr. Smith.

Supplemental Draft
Feb. 16, 1966

Allotted three picks from each of the 14 other NFL teams, the Falcons added 42 more players. Each team, who had a 40-man roster, placed 11 available for the Falcons to select from. Among those picks was their first leading rusher (Junior Coffey from Green Bay), their first leading receiver (Alex Hawkins from Baltimore), and a defensive captain (Bill Jobko from Minnesota) who is still with the club as Director of Pro Personnel.

Head for the Mountains
March 26, 1966

A YMCA Camp, Blue Ridge Assembly on Black Mountain, N.C. (near Asheville) is selected as the first summer training camp home.

The Merger Occurs
June 8, 1966

The AFL and NFL agree to merge with a Championship Game to be played. The teams would not actually begin playing regular season games until 1970. Atlanta was assigned to the NFL's Western Conference, Coastal Division, with the Los Angeles Rams, Baltimore Colts, and San Francisco 49ers.

The First Practice
July 2, 1966

Training Camp opened with some 130 players checking in for physicals and their chance to be an NFL player. One of the camp's visitors was Rev. Billy Graham, who lived just a few miles from the Blue Ridge Assembly. All told, 66 rookies reported with the vets checking in on July 9.

The First Game
August 1, 1966
(Preseason)

Before 26,072 at Atlanta Stadium, Philadelphia claims a 9-7 win over the Falcons. Trivia fans might want to note that QB Dennis Claridge passed one yard to Tom Wilson for the Falcons first ever touchdown (second quarter) to provide a 7-6 halftime lead.

Champions of the South
August 19, 1966

Falcons defeat their AFL rivals, the Miami Dolphins, 27-17, to lay claim to the championship of the South.

The First Victory
August 27, 1966
(Preseason)

In the fifth and final preseason game, the Falcons defeated San Francisco, 24-17, before 21,780 fans in Columbia, S.C. Rookie QB Randy Johnson made his first start and passed to Alex Hawkins for the clinching TD.

This Game Is For Real
Sept. 11, 1966

The Los Angeles Rams handed the Falcons a 19-14 loss before 54,418 at Atlanta Stadium. The Rams of George Allen were led by QB Roman Gabriel (294 yards). After a 16-0 lead, Atlanta rallied to make it 16-14 before a third quarter Ram FG ended the scoring. Pre-game ceremonies included Commissioner Pete Rozelle, Governor Carl Sanders, and Mayor Ivan Allen. Falcon RB Ernie Wheelwright ran for 91 yards and caught a pass for 25 more to lead the offense.

The First Points
Sept. 11, 1966

It was the second quarter when QB Randy Johnson hit Gary Barnes for a 53-yard touchdown to officially score the first points for the Atlanta Falcons.

QB Randy Johnson passed to Gary Barnes for the Falcons first official touchdown. The club's three wins were the most ever by an expansion team.

The First Broadcasters
1966

Atlanta's WAGA-TV televised the Falcons game in that inaugural year with Ed Thilenius (U. of Georgia Announcer) and WQXI Radio broadcasting with Jack Hurst (Ga Tech Announcer). The analyst was former player and coach Johnny Sauer.

The First Official Win
Nov. 30, 1966

After nine straight losses, the Falcons claimed one for the W column at Yankee Stadium (62,746), 27-16. Former Giant Ernie Wheelwright scored two TD's receiving and ran for 51 more yards as QB Randy Johnson hit for a trio of TD's.

Tieing an NFL Record With a First HOME Win December 11, 1966	The Falcons tied an NFL record for an expansion team (Minnesota) by winning a third game. This victim was the St. Louis Cardinals, 16-10, before 57,169. The Second Win had been at Minnesota with Bobby Riggle returning an interception 62 yards for a touchdown.
A General Manager Jan. 31, 1967	Frank E. Wall was promoted to GM after serving as Vice-President and Treasurer.
The First Trade March 14, 1967	Falcons deal away first round draft choice to San Francisco for wide receiver Bernie Casey, tackle Jim Wilson and defensive end Jim Norton.
A New Summer Home July 18, 1967	Falcons shift training camp to East Tennessee State University, Johnson City at the foothills of the Great Smokey Mountains.
A Wild Opening Sept. 17, 1967	About the time the National Anthem was finished the Colts and Falcons started scoring. First, the Colts went the length of the field (88 yards Unitas to Mackey) and the Falcons countered with a club record 99-yard kickoff return to tie the game. The 38-31 Colt win also featured two more scoring plays over 50 yards (77 int TD by the Falcons Lee Calland and 55 TD catch by Colts Jimmy Orr).
Atlanta's First All-Pro Dec. 15, 1967	Linebacker Tommy Nobis was named to the AP all-pro team, a Falcon first. This honor followed his Rookie of the Year performance in 1966 (Bert Bell Award and Pro Football Writers Association).
A Defensive Gem Jan. 30, 1968	The Falcons (choosing 3rd in the Draft) select a defensive end from Tenessee State. After six selections to the Pro Bowl, Claude Humphrey proved to be one of the great Falcons of all-time. He is now a member of Coach Campbell's coaching staff.
Jersey Change May 13, 1968	Stripes are added to the sleeves of the jerseys, replacing the team emblem.
A New Regime Oct. 1, 1968	Norm Van Brocklin, formerly head coach of Vikings, is named to replace Norb Hecker after three games of season. Two weeks later, his Falcons beat New York, 24-21, in first meeting between Van Brocklin and his former QB, Fran Tarkenton.
Starting On the Right Foot Sept. 21, 1969	Falcons win first season opener ever, beating 49ers, 24-12, before home fans. Rookie Tight end Jim Mitchell scored two TD's and club set team record with 229 yards rushing.

Norm Van Brocklin became the Coach in 1969 and later was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1971.

Farewell to an Original
Oct. 29, 1969

Running back Junior Coffey, the last of the 42 original expansion draftees, is traded to the New York Giants.

Point Parade
Nov. 21, 1969

Falcons roll up 48 points to win by 17 over Bears. The 518 yards of offense saw Randy Johnson throw for four TD's and Harmon Wages score on a 48-yard run.

The Triple Play
Dec. 7, 1969

Harmon Wages had a game to remember in this 45-17 rout of the Saints. The second year back threw for a TD in the first quarter (16 yards to Flatley), then caught a pass for a TD in the second quarter (88 yards), and then ran for a TD in the fourth quarter (66 yards).

Three Straight Wins and Six for the Year
1969

Falcons close season by ending Viking 12 game win streak in 10-3 game as Claude Humphrey scores only TD of game (24 fumble return). The team finished 6-8-1, their best record ever.

Management Shifts
Jan. 6, 1970

Rankin M. Smith becomes Chairman of the Board, with Frank Wall taking over the duties and title of President. Coach Van Brocklin adds title of General Manager to his list of duties.

Champs of the South Look Ready To Go
Sept. 12, 1970

With a 20-17 conquest of southern rival Miami, the Falcons close with the finest preseason (4-1) in the club's five-year history.

A Passing Feat
Sept. 27, 1970

In Week Two at Green Bay, QB Bob Berry sets club records with the Franchise's first 300-yard passing game (28-44 for 302), but Packers rally for 27-24 win.

Cannonball Explodes
Oct. 4, 1970

Jim "Cannonball" Butler, just one week after Berry's passing record, sets a new club rushing record in the home opener against the 49ers. The seven-year veteran set two club records that day. One was for most yards (127 on 17 carries), the other was for most fumbles (4).

Fit To Be Tied
Nov. 8-15, 1970

On the road at Los Angeles and Philadelphia, Falcons chalk up back to back ties, 10-10 and 13-13, for record that still stands.

The Early Birds Get the Tickets
Nov. 22, 1970

All seats were sold out 25 days in advance, a Falcon record, as the rival L.A. Rams come to town. Both Ram touchdowns were scored by the defense in a 17-7 Falcon loss.

National TV!
Nov. 30, 1970

Over 30 million Monday Night TV viewers saw their first game from Atlanta as the Miami Dolphins came to town with ABC-TV. Larry Csonka (108) and Mercury Morris (76) ran away with a 20-7 Miami victory.

Inflation Hits
Jan. 3, 1971

For the first time in team history, ticket prices go from $6 to $7.50, ending a five-year status quo.

A Third Summer Home
Feb. 4, 1971

Falcons elect to move summer training camp to Furman University in Greenville, S.C. and announce it will open on July 19.

A Hall of Famer
Feb. 23, 1971

Coach Norm Van Brocklin is elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

You Can't Win Them All Unless You Win the Opener
Sept. 19, 1971

For a third straight year, Falcons open up with a victory. This home opener saw the Falcons defeat the division rival 49ers, 20-17.

Catch This Act
Oct. 3 and Dec. 19, '71

Rookie sensation Ken Burrow made more yardage receiving in one game than any NFC receiver, and he wrote his name in the club record book TWICE. He had 190 yards at Detroit and duplicated that feat at New Orleans. All of this was done playing the final 11 games with a broken wrist.

A Winning Season!
Dec. 19, 1971

In dramatic fashion with 40 seconds left, the Falcons score to beat New Orleans, 24-20, to finish the season at 7-6-1, thus giving them the first winning season in club history.

A Coast to Coast Win
Nov. 22, 1971

Falcons win their first Nationally televised game with a 28-21 triumph over Green Bay in Atlanta. Atlanta had 77 plays to the Packers 33, outgaining them 386-143, as Monday Night TV televised the action.

A Busy Day At The Office
Feb. 1, 1972

Van Brocklin makes four trades dealing away six veterans, then uses top picks for Clarence Ellis (Notre Dame DB) and acquired pick for Heisman Trophy winner Pat Sullivan (Auburn QB).

Ups and Downs
July 15, 1972

Ellis and Sullivan go to participate in College All-star game in Chicago. Ellis injures knee and requires surgery. Sullivan earns Most Valuable Player honors.

Bring In the Cavalry
Aug. 31, 1972

Falcons trade with Green Bay for running back Dave Hampton, a 1,000-yard runner in 1971. Falcons gave up lineman Malcolm Snider.

A Jinx Is Ended With a 1-2 Punch
Oct. 1, 1972

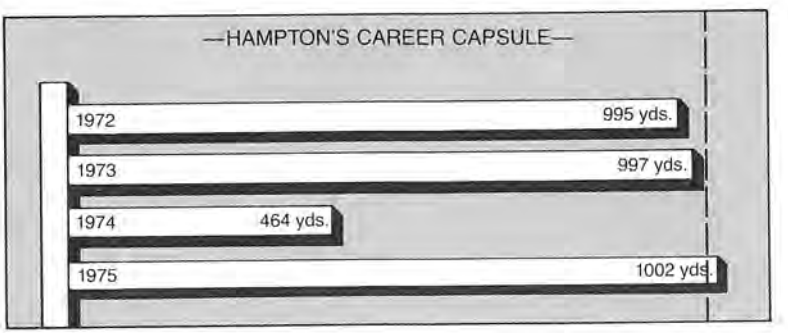
After 10 unsuccessful tries, Falcons finally defeat the L.A. Rams, in humiliating fashion, 31-3 at Atlanta Stadium. Hampton and Art Malone set a club record by each running for over 100 yards (161 Hampton and 103 Malone).

An "Unofficial" 1,000
Dec. 17, 1972

Dave Hampton technically was the club's first 1,000-yard rusher. At Kansas City, the veteran running back scampered around end for his 1,000th yard. However, his next carry was a six-yard loss and his final carry a one-yard gain. Thus, he ended at 995, never officially getting his name in the Falcon record book.

The First 50
Dec. 17, 1972

RB Art Malone became the first Falcon to ever catch 50 passes in a season, leading the club for a second consecutive season.



Tommy Nobis was the club's first draft choice and first Pro Bowl pick (he went five times). "Mr. Falcon," he played 11 seasons.

Trade Time Jan. 22, 1973 May 14, 1973	Falcons swap #1 pick in draft for DT Mike Tilleman, who led the NFL in 1972 with 14 sacks at Houston. QB Bob Lee and LB Lonnie Warwick come from Minnesota for QB Bob Berry and a #1 pick.
Lighting Up the Scoreboard Sept. 16, 1973	Opening against New Orleans, Falcons smash 35 team records en route to 62-7 victory.
General Lee Takes Charge Oct. 14, 1973	QB Bob Lee gets first start and responds with leadership en route to 46-6 rout of Chicago Bears.
Getting A Kick Out of It Nov. 4, 1973	Falcons come from 10-0 deficit to upset rival Rams behind club record five field goals from Nick Mike-Mayer.
Big Finish Nov. 11, 1973	With 24 fourth quarter points, Falcons break 20-20 tie to wallop Eagles, 44-27.
Monday Night Madness Nov. 19, 1973	Unbeaten Vikings (9-0) come to town to face surging Falcons (five in a row) before national audience. No Falcon fan is disappointed as club responds to challenge with 20-14 win for 6th straight.
7 + 1 = 8 Nov. 25, 1973	With seventh straight win (over Jets, 28-20) Falcons win eighth game for most ever in a season.
"Hard-Luck" Hampton and the "So Close" Falcons 1973	After missing by five yards for a 1,000-yard season last year, Dave Hampton comes even closer this year. Needing 87 yards in the finale, he gets just 84 and finishes three yards shy of the magic number. The Falcons are equally close, finishing 9-5 for their most wins and best record ever, but losing out for the playoffs by one game.
An Original Streaker Spring, 1974	Ken Reaves, an original member of the Atlanta Falcons since 1966, is part of a trade with the Saints. Reaves had played in all 112 games consecutively, setting a club record with 29 pass interceptions.
A Coaching Change Nov. 5/6, 1974	After a 2-6 start, Norm Van Brocklin is fired as Head Coach/General Manager and defensive coordinator Marion Campbell is elevated to the Head coaching post.
Trading for the Future Jan. 27, 1975	In order to obtain the rights to the number one pick in the college draft, the Falcons send offensive tackle George Kunz and a draft choice to Baltimore. Falcons also got a 6th round pick (and took LB Fulton Kuykendall).
The Future Is Here Jan. 28, 1975	With that top choice, the Falcons select all-America QB Steve Bartkowski from California.

A Managerial Move Feb. 26, 1975	Pat Peppler is named Falcons General Manager.
Hooray for Hampton Dec. 21, 1975	Running Back Dave Hampton becomes first Falcon to gain 1,000 yards rushing (1,002) with 61 in final game vs. Green Bay.
A Big Catch May 5, 1976	Wide Receiver John Gilliam, who played out his option after nine years (350 catches) is signed.
A Coaching Change Oct. 11, 1976	After 1-4 start, Pat Peppler takes over as interim Head Coach for Marion Campbell.
A Come-From-Behind Sweet Upset Nov. 21, 1976	By scoring all 17 points in the 4th quarter, the Falcons rally for 17-10 upset of playoff-bound Cowboys.
"O" My Dec. 5, 1976	Rams pour it on in 59-0 whitewashing of Falcons.
Front Office Moves Feb. 1-3, 1977	Former NFL quarterback Eddie LeBaron is named General Manager, with Rankin M. Smith Jr. assuming the title of Club President. Two days later, Leeman Bennett, a Rams assistant becomes fifth Head Coach in club history.
A Positive Start Sept. 18, 1977	Benett's debut is a sweet 17-6 win over the rival Rams before 55,956 in Atlanta. Scott Hunter fills in for injured Bartkowski and defeats a Joe Namath-led Ram squad.
Zero Hour Nov. 27, 1977	In shutout of Bucs, Falcons set club record by allowing just 78 total yards. It is also the second 0 performance by the defense on the season, also a club first.
NFL Record! 1977 Defense	With 35-7 final win over Saints, Falcons establish new NFL modern day record for 14-game season by allowing just 129 points all year as club finishes 7-7.

129

The Falcons set an NFL record, yielding just 129 points for the 14-game season.

Ground Breaking
April 3, 1978

Construction of a new year-round training facility begins in Suwanee to give Falcons NFL's finest complex.

A New Look
August 19, 1978

Falcons unveil new uniforms.

First Home Shutout
Oct. 15, 1978

By holding the Lions to just 22 yards rushing, the Falcons post their first shutout at home, 14-0.

June Jones and the Gritz Blitz Go National
Oct. 30, 1978

In their first national TV game in four years, the Falcons lose Bartkowski in 2nd quarter. Enter June Jones, kicker Tim Mazzetti's five field goals, and the hard-hitting Gritz Blitz defense and you have a 15-7 Rams upset.

"Big Ben Right"
Nov. 12, 1978

With 2:23 remaining the Falcons were trailing 17-6 at their own 20-yard line. An 80-yard march made it 17-13 with 59 seconds left. With 19 seconds left, Bartkowski threw 57 yards into a cluster where Alfred Jackson caught a pass deflected by Wallace Francis and the Falcons clock struck victory.

A Second Chance
Dec. 9, 1978

With no time remaining Tim Mazzetti missed a 37-yard FG against the Redskins. A penalty gave him a second chance and he nailed a 32-yard FG that was to end up later being a playoff clinching kick.

Clinching a Playoff Berth the Easy Way
Sat., Dec. 15, 1978

When Redskins lose to Bears, Falcons are ensured their first Playoff berth. The next day, LA beat Green Bay to give the Falcons a home field game.

Dealing the Wild Card
Dec. 24, 1978

With two TD's in the final eight minutes, the Falcons overcame the rainy weather to win their Playoff game over the Eagles, 14-13. The Christmas Eve present to the fans was not complete until the Eagles missed a 34-yard FG in the final seconds. Merry Christmas!

Valiant Underdogs
Dec. 30, 1978

As 14-point underdogs in Texas Stadium, the Falcons came ready to win. They jumped out to a 20-13 halftime lead and knocked QB Roger Staubach unconscious just before the half. The home-team Cowboys regained the lead 27-20 as the Falcons marched for a tieing score. With 4th-and-1 at the Cowboy 32, the Falcons came up inches short and never got the ball back.

William Who?
Sept. 2, 1979

Third-round draft choice William Andrews made his NFL debut memorable with a club-record 167 yard effort in a 40-34 overtime win at the Superdome. Each team gained over 500 yards offense before Falcons won with special teams interception TD.

Bart's Barrage & The Lost Coin Toss
Sept. 16, 1979

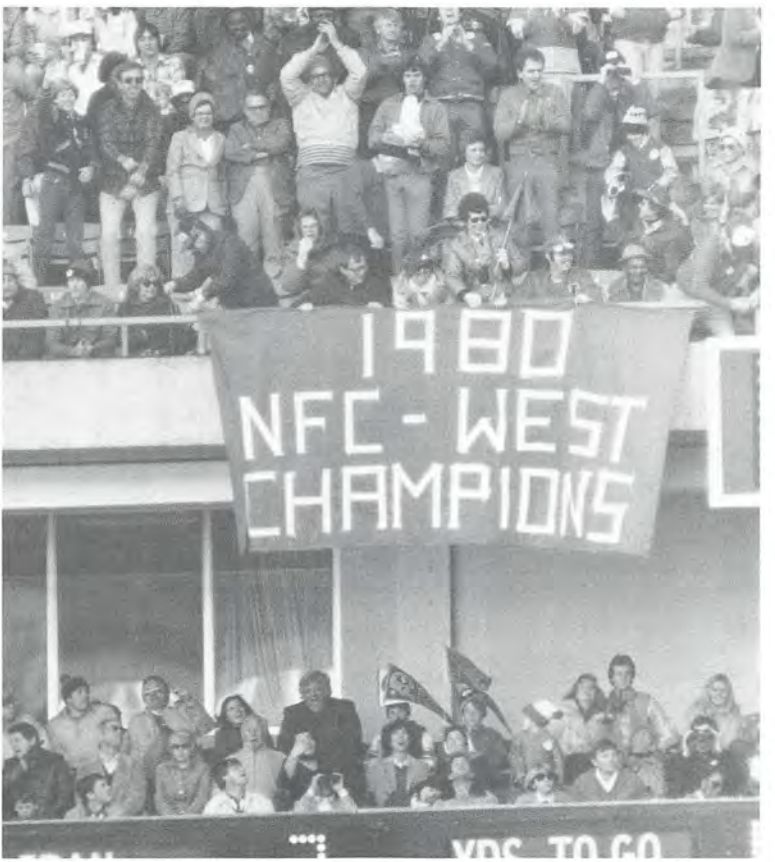
Steve Bartkowski set a new club record by passing for 326 yards (20 of 29) vs. Denver in Atlanta. A missed Falcon field goal meant another overtime game. Unfortunately, the visiting Broncos won the coin toss, received, and drove for the winning FG without Bartkowski ever getting a chance to rally the Falcons.

Easy As 1,2,3
Oct. 14, 1979

Rookie RB Lynn Cain set a club record by scoring three touchdowns in a game in loss to Raiders.

Adding Up the Totals
Dec. 16, 1979

Records were broken for the season by William Andrews with 1,023 yards, by Wallace Francis with 74 catches for 1,013 yards and by Steve Bartkowski with 2,502 yards (203-379).



Sign of the times

Atlanta Air Force Sept. 21, 1980	Steve Bartkowski set a new club record by passing for 332 yards vs. Dolphins. A blocked Falcon field goal led to a winning Dolphin field goal with 32 seconds remaining in 20-17 loss. The 1-2 Falcons have lost by one and three points but are ready to take off flying through the NFL.
The Bigger They Are, The Harder They Fall Sept. 28/Oct. 5, 1980	Undefeated opponents fall on successive weekends to the Falcons. First, the 49ers are upset 20-17 at Candlestick, then with a record-breaking 34 point first half, the Lions fall, 43-28.
Steve's Heroics Oct.-Nov., 1980	Bartkowski was hot and the Falcons caught fire. First, he had a club-tieing 4 TD game vs. Saints, then a 54-yard TD on 4th and 11 with 1:15 left to beat the Rams, then two weeks later a club record 378-yard game in win over St. Louis in overtime.
How the West Was Won Dec. 14, 1980	Bartkowski's 28th, 29th and 30th TD passes, Andrews' sixth 100-yard game and a rugged defense led to a 35-10 rout of the 49ers and the Falcons had earned their first-ever NFC Wesern Division Title. The win was the Falcons 9th straight and 12th of the season, both club bests.
Heartbreak in Georgia Jan. 5, 1981	Leading 24-10 heading into the 4th quarter, Falcons end up on short end of 30-27 score as Cowboys rally for 20 points in Atlanta Fulton County Stadium before record 60,022 fans.
Aloha Feb. 1, 1981	Record six Falcons selected to Pro Bowl as Bartkowski passes for new high 178 yards (55 TD to Alfred Jenkins) to lead NFC to 21-7 win.
They Can't Win If They Don't Score Sept. 6, 1981	Falcon defense sets tone with first-ever shutout in season opening 27-0 win over New Orleans. For good measure, the defense even scored a TD of their own with a fumble recovery.
You Had To See It To Believe It, Folks Sept. 13, 1981	Green Bay Packer fans were enjoying a 17-0 lead after three quarters, but no one knew what was in store next. In a nine-minute span, the Falcons erupted for an NFL record tieing 31 points (4 TD's, 1 FG) to win 31-17.
Good News, Bad News Sept. 20, 1981	Atlanta fans were treated to a 34-17 thumping of the rival 49ers (soon to be Super Bowl bound) and the fastest start in club history, 3-0. The Falcons had now won 12 of the last 13 regular season games and 14 of last 15. Tommy Pridemore even set a club record with a 101-yard interception return. The bad news: three starters were lost in a five-minute span (LB Joel Williams, DE Jeff Merrow and T Warren Bryant).

Who Was That Guy?
Oct. 11, 1981

Despite scoring 35 points and gaining 349 yards, Falcons lost to Rams, 37-35, as Leroy Irvin set an NFL record by returning six punts for 207 yards (75 and 84 yard TDs).

2 + 2 = 4
Oct. 18, 1981

William Andrews and Alfred Jenkins each gained over 100 yards receiving and each scored two touchdowns as Steve Bartkowski set a club mark with 4 TD passes in 41-20 rout of St. Louis.

Dueling QB's
Nov. 15, 1981

Steve Bartkowski rewrites Falcon record book with 33 of 50 for 416-yard performance. Terry Bradshaw is equal to the task with 5 TD passes as Steelers win 34-20.

Numbers To Remember
1981 Season

The team will look back on seven losses of five points or less as to why they were 7-9. The defeats were by 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, and 5 points.

Individually, records were set by Steve Bartkowski (3,830 yards), William Andrews (81 catches), Alfred Jenkins (1,358 yards, 13 TDs-3 in one game), and Mick Luckhurst (114 points). A team high seven Falcons are picked for the Pro Bowl.

No More Tickets
May 17, 1982

Season ticket sales are halted after reaching a club record 57,500.

It's Never Over 'Til It's Over
Sept. 12, 1982

With the Giants leading, 14-7, and deep in Falcon territory in the 4th quarter, the season opener wasn't going as planned. However, Bob Glazebrook returned a fumble for a club-record 91 yards and then Mick Luckhurst won the game with 58 seconds remaining for a 17-14 Falcon triumph.

Striking Out
Sept. 21, 1982

NFL Players Association calls a strike after two games and players walk out. Eight games were missed, seven cancelled, in strike that lasted until Nov. 17 (57 days).

Back on Track
Nov. 21, 1982

In first game after strike, William Andrews gains 207 yards (119 rush, 88 rec.) and rookie Gerald Riggs scores his first two NFL TD's in 34-17 win over Rams. Falcons are 2-1 and thinking playoffs in short season.

Way To Go, Alfred
Nov. 28, 1982

Alfred Jenkins gets his 306th career catch to set club mark. However, a 67-yard Johnson punt return TD is called back and a tieing FG sailed wide as Falcons lost to St. Louis, 23-20.

M*A*S*H
Dec. 5, 1982

Some 18 players from both squads limped off or were carried from the field in brutal 34-27 Falcon win at Mile High Stadium. A safe Mick Luckhurst became the first Falcon kicker to ever make two 50-plus yard field goals in the same game.

A National Clinch
Dec. 19, 1982

With a powerful 17-7 win over the Super Bowl Champion 49ers before a national Sunday Night audience, the Falcons become third NFC team to clinch a playoff berth as they up record to 5-2. Team controlled ball for 43 minutes to 17 for 49ers and ran the ball 57 times for 223 yards.

Indoor Playoffs
Jan. 9, 1983

Falcons journeyed to Minnesota's Metrodome for the opening round Playoff game and led 7-3 after one quarter and 21-16 after three quarters, but Vikings rallied for 30-24 win. In an oddity, all 24 Falcon points were scored by the special teams (blocked punt for TD, pass to Luckhurst for TD, and FG) and the defense (Glazebrook TD interception).

Changing of The Guard
Jan. 14- Feb. 1, 1983

Leeman Bennett is released after six seasons and Dan Henning, from the World Champion Washington Redskins, is hired as the sixth head coach in Falcon history.

A Happy Debut
Sept. 4, 1983

At Soldier Field, Falcons come from behind twice to defeat Bears. 20-17, to open on successful note for Coach Henning.

Road Warriors
Sept. 18, 1983

On the road at Detroit, Falcons romp 30-14 for Henning's second straight road win. Andrews carried a club record 32 times (150 yards), with Bartkowski hitting his 10th 300 game (366) and adding to his streak of 107 passes without an interception.

Broken Streaks
Oct. 9/Oct. 16, '83

Alfred Jenkins 4th longest receiving streak in NFL history stopped at 103 games vs. Rams and Steve Bartkowski's streak of 197 consecutive passes without an interception ends vs. New Orleans.

"Big Ben" Chimes Again
Nov. 20, 1983

Trailing 24-21, Bartkowski lofts desperation pass 42 yards to five-yard line where ball is deflected to stumbling Billy Johnson, who fights into end zone for 28-24 upset win.

A Two-Time Hero
Nov. 27, 1983

Kenny Johnson became only the 12th player in NFL history to score two TD's in the same game with interceptions. His first one put the Falcons ahead of Green Bay, 41-34, but the Pack came back to force overtime. With another chance to be the hero, Johnson returned an interception 31 yards to win the game.

Stats to Remember
Dec. 18, 1983

William Andrews sets new club record with 331 rushes for 1,567 yards, Steve Bartkowski has third 3,000-yard season and sets mark with 63.4% completion rate and just 1.1% intercaption rate (5 in 432), while C Jeff Van Note starts his 200th game as a Falcon.

Surgery For William
August 21, 1984

Falcon all-time leading rusher, William Andrews, injures knee ligaments, cartilage and nerve in practice session and is out indefinitely.

A New Leader
Sept. 2, 1984

Gerald Riggs gets the starting call and sets new club records with 35 attempts for 202 yards in 36-28 opening win at the Superdome in New Orleans.

Point Parade
Sept. 9, 1984

K Mick Luckhurst becomes the club's all-time leading scorer with his 271st career point.

The Jinx Is Broken
Oct. 7, 1984

For the first time in 19 long years, the Falcons won at Los Angeles. It wasn't easy, of course, as Mick Luckhurst had to kick a 37-yard FG as time expired after Bartkowski completed two fourth-down passes to keep the winning drive alive. Cain rushed for three TD's also in 30-28 win to set club mark.

Pro Football Hall of Fame display at Canton, Ohio recognizes the NFL punt return record of Billy "Whiteshoes" Johnson.

A Catchy Record Dec. 2, 1984	Receiver Alfred Jackson broke the club record with 11 catches for 193 yards vs. San Francisco in 35-17 loss.
Landing A Big One April 30, 1985	Pitt's 280-pound offensive lineman, Bill Fralic, was selected by Falcons as second choice in entire NFL draft.
"White Shoes" Is #1 Sept. 8, 1985	Billy "White Shoes" Johnson becomes the NFL's all-time career punt returner with 58 yards against Detroit.
Bullseye Sept.-Oct., 1985	Kicker Mick Luckhurst sets club record for consecutive field goals with 10 and then adds to it until streak runs out at 17 vs. Dallas.
A Sudden Ending Nov. 10, 1985	Trailing 17-0 after three quarters, Falcons rallied to tie 17-17 and had a chance to win on final play of regulation when FG sailed wide. In OT, Eagles Ron Jaworski hit Mike Quick for an equally quick record tieing 99-yard TD.
Running Wild Nov. 1985	Gerald Riggs set club record for career rushing TDs, tied record for single game TDs, and had a club record five consecutive 100 yard rushing games.
Waiving Bye-Bye Nov. 27, 1985	Steve Bartkowski is released after five weeks on injured reserve and is claimed by Washington for final two weeks.
Determined Gerald Dec. 22, 1985	With 158 yards in the 16-10 win over New Orleans, Gerald Riggs had a club best 9 100-yard games and a season record 1, 719 yards to lead the entire NFC.
Ins and Outs Dec. 23/24, 1985	Eddie LeBaron, V-P and chief executive officer, is dismissed, while Dan Henning is given a one-year contract extension. Henning then hires former Falcon head coach Marion Campbell as defensive coordinator.
Picking and Choosing April 29, 1986	Using some draft picks and trading others for players, the Falcons landed eight players (five starters) as a result of this one day's selection process. Drafted were Lombardi Trophy winner, Tony Casillas, LB Tim Green, WR Floyd Dixon, and RB Keith Williams. Coming in trades were starters LB Reggie Wilkes, LB Joel Williams, S Bret Clark and QB Turk Schonert.
A Record Start Sept. 1986	The Falcons came out roaring with four straight wins over New Orleans, St. Louis, Dallas and Tampa Bay for the best-ever start in club history. The Cowboy game featured a 10-point rally with a game-winning FG with 20 seconds left and the Buc game featured a 20-7 come-from-behind win with an overtime FG the decider. Gerald Riggs ran for a touchdown in each game to tie a club mark. The opener also featured the return of William Andrews after a two-year layoff following knee surgery.

Leading the Way
Oct. 12, 1986

In a game that featured the return of QB Steve Bartkowski to Atlanta (as an LA Ram), the Falcons rolled to a 26-14 win to up their mark to 5-1. The next week, the Falcons fought to an overtime tie with the 49ers to stay atop the Western Division.

Injured Quarterbacks
Nov. 23, 1986

At Candlestick Park, the 49ers Joe Montana made his third start after back surgery that some said would sideline him for the season or even his career. Meanwhile, the Falcons had a new starter in Turk Schonert as Dave Archer was lost for the year in the previous week's 13-10 loss to the Super Bowl champion Bears. Both completed 21 passes with only six yards difference, but the 49ers prevailed 20-0.

A Note of Thanks
Dec. 14, 1986

It was Jeff Van Note day at Atlanta Fulton County Stadium as the 18-year veteran center was honored after 246 games. With all his family present, he was presented gifts including a vintage 1957 Chevy (symbolic of his #57 and being a classic). Mick Luckhurst extended his club record to 117 consecutive PAT's.

Jeff Van Note and the '57 Chevy.

Preseason Results

1966 (1-4)

Philadelphia at Atlanta (20,072) 7-9
St. Louis at St. Louis (34,303) 10-20
N.Y. Giants at Nashville (20,945) 7-14
Cleveland at Atlanta (48,548) 3-42
San Francisco at Columbia (21,780) 24-17

1967 (2-2-1)

N.Y. Giants at Ithaca (20,000) 10-10
Miami at Miami (50,822) 27-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (52,240) 34-31
Minnesota at Cleveland (1st game of doubleheader) (84,236) 3-16
N.O. at New Orleans (67,486) 14-27

1968 (1-4)

Washington at Tampa (42, 180) 14-16
N.Y. Giants at Nashville (14,555) 13-17
N.Y. Jets at Birmingham (27,406) 12-27
N.O. at Atlanta (49,832) 16-10
Miami at Miami (36,122) 13-19

1969 (2-4)

Philadelphia at Portland (21,625) 13-7
Boston at Boston (24,084) 34-16
Washington at Atlanta (56,990) 7-24
N.O. at New Orleans (69,898) 17-21
K.C. at Kansas City (37,273) 10-14
Green Bay at Canton (17,411) 24-38

1970 (4-1)

N.Y. Jets at Winston-Salem (19,700) 33-7
Washington at Washington (35,186) 13-21
Kansas City at Atlanta (56,990) 22-17
Buffalo at Buffalo (30,869) 10-7
Miami at Miami (50,259) 20-17

1971 (3-2)

Kansas City at K.C. (37,403) 10-12
Denver at Memphis (22,474) 27-10
Buffalo at Atlanta (53,090) 35-24
New England at Foxboro (48,631) 45-35
San Diego at San Diego (32,555) 14-21

1972 (1-4)

San Diego at San Diego (41,404) 7-30
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (53,288) 17-31
Miami at Miami (75,372) 10-24
New York Jets at Atlanta (37,806) 3-9
Cincinnati at Cincinnati (55,804) 44-14

1973 (2-3)

Baltimore at Atlanta (57,122) 34-10
New England at Atlanta (56,238) 27-10
Cleveland at Knoxville, Tenn. (40,831) 17-20
Cincinnati at Atlanta (55,863) 20-31
Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh (50,350) 0-19

1974 (4-2)

Philadelphia at Philadelphia (15,379) 23-7
Oakland at Berkeley (34,319) 16-28
Cincinnati at Grant Field (44,127) 7-13
Houston at Houston (27,116) 10-6
Baltimore at Atlanta (50,085) 23-7
Denver at Denver (43,253) 20-14

1975 (3-3)

Washington Redskins at Washington (18,444) 16-14
Baltimore at Lincoln, Neb. (43,097) 10-3
Oakland at Atlanta (39,878) 7-22
N.Y. Jets at Atlanta (34,387) 13-16
Buffalo at Tampa, Fla. (41,212) 14-16
Philadelphia at Atlanta (28,675) 17-14

1976 (2-4)

Washington at Atlanta (38,808) 10-17
Cleveland at Stillwater, Okla. (24,227) 7-31
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, Fla. (11,342) 3-17
New England at Atlanta (23,495) 17-28
Baltimore at Atlanta (24,986) 21-7
Green Bay at Milwaukee, Wisc. (54,989) 26-7

1977 (3-3)

St. Louis at St. Louis (24,667) 3-0
N.Y. Jets at Atlanta (28,954) 2-17
Denver at Atlanta (21,239) 2-10
Tampa Bay at Orlando (31,123) 30-21
Kansas City at Kansas City (22,748) 24-16
New England at New England (41,346) 10-29

1978 (2-2)

New York Jets at New York (31,480) 20-17
Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh (46,444) 7-13
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,306) 7-24
Washington at Washington (29,487) 10-7

1979 (0-4)

New England at Atlanta (53,228) 14-37
St. Louis at St. Louis (39,705) 17-42
Washington at Atlanta (52,478) 6-16
Green Bay at Green Bay (55,416) 35-45

1980 (1-3)

Seattle at Seattle (59,555) 10-14
Pittsburgh at Atlanta (55,695) 14-17
San Diego at San Diego (47,184) 9-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (42,983) 51-35

1981 (2-3)

Cleveland at Canton, O. (23,921) 10-24
Oakland at Oakland (42,697) 16-17
New York Jets at Atlanta (51,163) 21-20
Minnesota at Minnesota (42,908) 19-20
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (53,688) 27-7

1982 (2-2)

Minnesota at Atlanta (49,831) 20-17
Baltimore at Phoenix (56,748) 3-34
Philadelphia at Atlanta (51,175) 24-21
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (62,933) 0-34

1983 (2-2)

Washington at Atlanta (46,052) 13-10
Denver at Denver (73,199) 10-21
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (57,237) 6-17
Baltimore at Atlanta (37,420) 10-7

1984 (1-3)

Minnesota at Minnesota (51,693) 6-37
New Orleans at New Orleans (58,502) 21-31
Tampa Bay at Atlanta (29,610) 52-21
Denver at Atlanta (30,988) 13-24

1985 (2-2)

Washington at Atlanta (30,574) 14-17
Tampa Bay at Tampa Bay (34,040) 23-17
Green Bay at Milwaukee (49,703) 24-28
Miami at Atlanta (32,768) 19-17

1986 (2-2)

New York Giants at Atlanta (25,445) 31-24
Atlanta at Tampa Bay (28,797) 20-17
Cleveland at Atlanta (33,637) 21-27
Atlanta at Washington (52,619) 21-29

Year-by-Year Scores

1966 (3-11)

Seventh Place, Eastern Conference

Coach: Norb Hecker

	Atl.	Opp.		
Los Angeles	14	19	(L)	54,418
at Philadelphia	10	23	(L)	54,049
at Detroit	10	28	(L)	47,615
Dallas	14	47	(L)	56,990
at Washington	20	33	(L)	50,116
San Francisco	7	44	(L)	54,788
at Green Bay	3	56	(L)	48,623
Cleveland	17	49	(L)	57,235
Baltimore	7	19	(L)	58,850
at New York Giants	27	16	(W)	62,746
at Chicago	6	23	(L)	44,777
at Minnesota	20	13	(W)	37,117
St. Louis	16	10	(W)	57,169
Pittsburgh	33	57	(L)	56,229

1967 (1-12-1)

Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norb Hecker

	Atl.	Opp.		
at Baltimore	31	38	(L)	56,715
at San Francisco	7	38	(L)	30,207
at Green Bay	0	23	(L)	49,467
Philadelphia	7	38	(L)	53,868
Washington	20	20	(T)	56,538
at Detroit	3	24	(L)	50,601
Minnesota	21	20	(W)	52,859
at Dallas	7	37	(L)	54,751
Baltimore	7	49	(L)	58,850
Los Angeles	3	31	(L)	56,871
at New Orleans	24	27	(L)	83,437
at Los Angeles	3	20	(L)	46,395
San Francisco	28	34	(L)	51,798
Chicago	14	23	(L)	54,107

1968 (2-12)

Fourth Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin (2-9); Norb Hecker (0-3)

	Atl.	Opp.		
at Minnesota	7	47	(L)	45,563
Baltimore	20	28	(L)	50,428
at San Francisco	13	28	(L)	27,471
Green Bay	7	38	(L)	58,850
New York Giants	24	21	(W)	49,962
at Los Angeles	14	27	(L)	54,443
at Cleveland	7	30	(L)	67,723
Pittsburgh	21	41	(L)	47,727
Los Angeles	10	17	(L)	53,979
at Chicago	16	13	(W)	44,214
at St. Louis	12	17	(L)	43,246
at Baltimore	0	44	(L)	60,238
Detroit	7	24	(L)	49,437
San Francisco	12	14	(L)	44,977

1969 (6-8)

Third Place, Coastal Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

	Atl.	Opp.		
San Francisco	24	12	(W)	45,940
at Los Angeles	7	17	(L)	58,031
Baltimore	14	21	(L)	57,806
Dallas	17	24	(L)	54,833
at San Francisco	21	7	(W)	28,684
at Green Bay	10	28	(L)	50,861
Los Angeles	6	38	(L)	58,850
at Detroit	21	27	(L)	53,242
Chicago	48	31	(W)	53,722
at Washington	20	27	(L)	50,345
at Baltimore	6	13	(L)	60,238
New Orleans	45	17	(W)	51,021
at Philadelphia	27	3	(W)	60,658
Minnesota	10	3	(W)	52,872

1970 (4-8-2)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

	Atl.	Opp.		
at New Orleans	14	3	(W)	77,042
at Green Bay	24	27	(L)	56,263
San Francisco	21	20	(W)	58,850
at Dallas	0	13	(L)	53,611
at Denver	10	24	(L)	50,705
New Orleans	32	14	(W)	58,850
Chicago	14	23	(L)	58,850
at Los Angeles	10	10	(T)	67,232
at Philadelphia	13	13	(T)	55,425
Los Angeles	7	17	(L)	58,850
Miami	7	20	(L)	54,036
at San Francisco	20	24	(L)	41,387
Pittsburgh	27	16	(W)	54,162
Minnesota	7	37	(L)	57,992

1971 (7-6-1)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

	Atl.	Opp.		
San Francisco	20	17	(W)	56,990
at Los Angeles	20	20	(T)	57,895
at Detroit	38	41	(L)	54,418
St. Louis	9	26	(L)	58,850
Los Angeles	16	24	(L)	58,850
New Orleans	28	6	(W)	58,850
at Cleveland	31	14	(W)	76,825
at Cincinnati	9	6	(W)	59,604
New York Giants	17	21	(L)	58,850
Green Bay	28	21	(W)	58,850
at Minnesota	7	24	(L)	49,784
Oakland	24	13	(W)	58,850
at San Francisco	3	24	(L)	44,582
at New Orleans	24	20	(W)	75,954

1972 (7-7)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

	Atl.	Opp.		
at Chicago	37	21	(W)	55,701
at New England	20	21	(L)	60,999
Los Angeles	31	3	(W)	58,850
Detroit	23	26	(L)	58,850
at New Orleans	21	14	(W)	66,294
at Green Bay (Mil)	10	9	(W)	47,967
San Francisco	14	49	(L)	58,850
at Los Angeles	7	20	(L)	75,081
New Orleans	36	20	(W)	58,850
at Washington	13	24	(L)	53,039
Denver	23	20	(W)	58,850
Houston	20	10	(W)	58,850
at San Francisco	0	20	(L)	61,214
Kansas City	14	17	(L)	58,850

1973 (9-5)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin

	Atl.	Opp.		
at New Orleans	62	7	(W)	66,428
at Los Angeles	0	31	(L)	64,528
at Detroit	6	31	(L)	45,519
San Francisco	9	13	(L)	58,850
Chicago	46	6	(W)	58,850
at San Diego	41	0	(W)	41,527
at San Francisco	17	3	(W)	56,825
Los Angeles	15	13	(W)	58,850
at Philadelphia	44	27	(W)	63,114
Minnesota	20	14	(W)	58,850
at New York Jets	28	20	(W)	61,327
Buffalo	6	17	(L)	58,850
St. Louis	10	32	(L)	58,850
New Orleans	14	10	(W)	58,850

1974 (3-11)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Norm Van Brocklin (2-6)
Marion Campbell (1-5)

	Atl.	Opp.		
Dallas	0	24	(L)	57,322
San Francisco	10	16	(L)	47,686
at New Orleans	13	14	(L)	62,273
at New York Giants	14	7	(W)	50,415
Chicago	13	10	(W)	47,835
New Orleans	3	13	(L)	47,127
at Pittsburgh	17	24	(L)	48,094
at Miami	7	42	(L)	64,399
at Los Angeles	0	21	(L)	70,056
Baltimore	7	17	(L)	41,278
at San Francisco	0	27	(L)	45,435
Los Angeles	7	30	(L)	18,648
at Minnesota	10	23	(L)	47,105
Green Bay	10	3	(W)	10,020

1975 (4-10)

Third Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell

	Atl.	Opp.		
at St. Louis	20	23	(L)	42,172
Detroit	14	17	(L)	45,218
New Orleans	14	7	(W)	29,444
at San Francisco	17	3	(W)	44,043
at Los Angeles	7	22	(L)	64,843
Cincinnati	14	21	(L)	45,811
at New Orleans	7	23	(L)	49,342
at Minnesota	0	38	(L)	43,751
Los Angeles	7	16	(L)	44,595
Denver	35	21	(W)	28,686
at Oakland	34	37ot	(L)	50,860
Washington	27	30	(L)	52,809
San Francisco	31	9	(W)	38,501
at Green Bay	13	22	(L)	56,267

1976 (4-10)

Fourth Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Marion Campbell (1-4)
Pat Peppler (3-6)

	Atl.	Opp.		
Los Angeles	14	30	(L)	53,607
at Detroit	10	24	(L)	50,840
at Chicago	10	0	(W)	41,029
Philadelphia	13	14	(L)	45,535
at New Orleans	0	30	(L)	51,521
Cleveland	17	20	(L)	33,364
at San Francisco	0	15	(L)	50,240
New Orleans	23	20	(W)	34,127
at Seattle	13	30	(L)	57,985
San Francisco	21	16	(W)	20,058
Dallas	17	10	(W)	54,992
at Houston	14	20	(L)	25,838
at Los Angeles	0	59	(L)	57,366
Green Bay	20	24	(L)	23,436

1977 (7-7)

Second Place, NFC Western Division

Coach: Leeman Bennett

	Atl.	Opp.		
Los Angeles	17	6	(W)	55,956
at Washington	6	10	(L)	55,031
New York Giants	17	3	(W)	46,374
at San Francisco	7	0	(W)	38,009
at Buffalo	0	3	(L)	27,348
at Chicago	16	10	(W)	49,407
Minnesota	7	14	(L)	59,257
San Francisco	3	10	(L)	46,577
Detroit	17	6	(W)	47,451
at New Orleans	20	21	(L)	43,135
at Tampa Bay	17	0	(W)	43,592
New England	10	16	(L)	57,911
at Los Angeles	7	23	(L)	52,574
New Orleans	35	7	(W)	36,895

1978 (9-7)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
NFC Wildcard Team
Coach: Leeman Bennett

	Atl.	Opp.		
Houston	20	14	(W)	57,328
at Los Angeles	0	10	(L)	46,201
Cleveland	16	24	(L)	56,648
at Tampa Bay	9	14	(L)	58,072
New York Giants	23	20	(W)	47,765
at Pittsburgh	7	31	(L)	48,202
Detroit	14	0	(W)	51,172
at San Francisco	20	17	(W)	34,133
Los Angeles	15	7	(W)	57,250
San Francisco	21	10	(W)	55,468
New Orleans	20	17	(W)	70,323
at Chicago	7	13	(L)	46,022
at New Orleans	20	17	(W)	55,121
at Cincinnati	7	37	(L)	25,601
Washington	20	17	(W)	54,178
at St. Louis	21	42	(L)	40,022
*Philadelphia	14	13	(W)	49,447
*at Dallas	20	27	(L)	60,338

1979 (6-10)
Third Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Leeman Bennett

	Atl.	Opp.		
at New Orleans	40	34ot	(W)	70,940
at Philadelphia	14	10	(W)	55,935
Denver	17	20ot	(L)	57,677
at Detroit	23	24	(L)	56,249
Washington	7	16	(L)	56,819
Green Bay	25	7	(W)	56,184
at Oakland	19	50	(L)	52,900
at San Francisco	15	20	(L)	33,952
Seattle	28	31	(L)	52,566
Tampa Bay	17	14	(W)	55,150
at New York Giants	3	24	(L)	60,860
at Los Angeles	14	20	(L)	54,097
New Orleans	6	37	(L)	42,815
at San Diego	28	26	(W)	50,198
Los Angeles	13	34	(L)	49,236
San Francisco	31	21	(W)	37,211

1980 (12-4)
NFC Western Division Champion
Coach: Leeman Bennett

	Atl.	Opp.		
at Minnesota	23	24	(L)	44,773
at New England	37	21	(W)	48,321
Miami	17	20	(L)	54,479
at San Francisco	20	17	(W)	56,518
Detroit	43	28	(W)	57,652
New York Jets	7	14	(L)	57,458
at New Orleans	41	14	(W)	62,651
Los Angeles	13	10	(W)	57,401
at Buffalo	30	14	(W)	57,959
at St. Louis	33	27ot	(W)	48,662
New Orleans	31	13	(W)	53,871
Chicago	28	17	(W)	49,164
Washington	10	6	(W)	55,665
at Philadelphia	20	17	(W)	70,205
San Francisco	35	10	(W)	55,767
at Los Angeles	17	20ot	(L)	62,469
*Dallas	27	30	(L)	60,022

1981 (7-9)
Second Place, NFC Western Division
Coach: Leeman Bennett

	Atl.	Opp.		
New Orleans	27	0	(W)	57,406
at Green Bay	31	17	(W)	55,382
San Francisco	34	17	(W)	56,653
at Cleveland	17	28	(L)	78,283
at Philadelphia	13	16	(L)	71,488
Los Angeles	35	37	(L)	57,841
St. Louis	41	20	(W)	51,428
New York Giants	24	27ot	(L)	48,410
at New Orleans	41	10	(W)	63,637
at San Francisco	14	17	(L)	59,127
Pittsburgh	20	34	(L)	57,485
Minnesota	31	30	(W)	54,086
at Houston	31	27	(W)	40,201
at Tampa Bay	23	24	(L)	69,221
at Los Angeles	16	21	(L)	57,054
Cincinnati	28	30	(L)	35,972

1982 (5-4)
Fifth Place, NFC#
Coach: Leeman Bennett

	Atl.	Opp.		
at New York Giants	16	14	(W)	74,286
L.A. Raiders	14	38	(L)	54,774
L.A. Rams	34	17	(W)	39,686
St. Louis	20	23	(L)	33,411
at Denver	34	17	(W)	75,103
New Orleans	35	0	(W)	39,535
at San Francisco	17	7	(W)	53,234
Green Bay	7	38	(L)	50,245
at New Orleans	6	35	(L)	47,336
*at Minnesota	24	30	(L)	60,560

*NFC Playoffs
#No Division titles declared

1983 (7-9)
Fourth Place, NFC West
Coach: Dan Henning

	Atl.	Opp.		
at Chicago	20	17	(W)	60,165
New York Giants	13	16ot	(L)	52,850
at Detroit	30	14	(W)	54,622
at San Francisco	20	24	(L)	57,814
Philadelphia	24	28	(L)	50,621
New Orleans	17	19	(L)	51,654
at L.A. Rams	21	27	(L)	50,404
at New York Jets	27	21	(W)	46,878
New England	24	13	(W)	47,546
at New Orleans	10	27	(L)	67,062
Los Angeles Rams	13	36	(L)	31,203
San Francisco	28	24	(W)	32,782
Green Bay	47	41ot	(W)	35,688
at Washington	21	37	(L)	52,074
at Miami	24	31	(L)	56,725
Buffalo	31	14	(W)	31,015

1984 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

	Atl.	Opp.		
at New Orleans	36	28	(W)	66,652
Detroit	24	27ot	(L)	49,878
at Minnesota	20	27	(L)	53,955
Houston	42	10	(W)	45,248
at San Francisco	5	14	(L)	57,990
at Los Angeles	30	28	(W)	47,832
New York Giants	7	19	(L)	50,268
Los Angeles	10	24	(L)	52,861
at Pittsburgh	10	35	(L)	55,971
at Washington	14	27	(L)	51,301
New Orleans	13	17	(L)	40,590
Cleveland	7	23	(L)	28,280
at Cincinnati	14	35	(L)	44,678
San Francisco	17	35	(L)	29,644
at Tampa Bay	6	23	(L)	33,808
Philadelphia	26	10	(W)	15,582

1985 (4-12)

Fourth Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

	Atl.	Opp.		
Detroit	27	28	(L)	37,785
at San Francisco	16	35	(L)	58,923
Denver	28	44	(L)	37,903
at L.A. Rams	6	17	(L)	49,870
San Francisco	17	38	(L)	44,740
at Seattle	26	30	(L)	60,430
New Orleans	31	24	(W)	44,784
at Dallas	10	24	(L)	57,941
Washington	10	44	(L)	42,209
at Philadelphia	17	23ot	(L)	63,694
L.A. Rams	30	14	(W)	29,960
at Chicago	0	36	(L)	65,790
L.A. Raiders	24	34	(L)	20,585
at Kansas City	10	38	(L)	18,199
Minnesota	14	13	(W)	14,167
at New Orleans	16	10	(W)	37,717

1986 (7-8-1)

Third Place, NFC West

Coach: Dan Henning

	Atl.	Opp.		
at New Orleans	31	10	(W)	67,950
St. Louis	33	13	(W)	46,463
at Dallas	37	35	(W)	62,880
at Tampa Bay	23	20ot	(W)	38,950
Philadelphia	0	16	(L)	57,104
LA Rams	26	14	(W)	51,662
San Francisco	10	10ot	(T)	55,306
at LA Rams	7	14	(L)	56,993
at New England	17	25	(L)	60,597
New York Jets	14	28	(L)	53,476
Chicago	10	13	(L)	55,520
at San Francisco	0	20	(L)	58,747
at Miami	20	14	(W)	53,762
Indianapolis	23	28	(L)	30,397
New Orleans	9	14	(L)	39,994
at Detroit	20	6	(W)	35,255

Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium has been the site of all regular season Falcon home games since the 1966 season. The current football capacity is 59,643.

1987

FALCONS

'87 SCHEDULE

Regular Season

		Kickoff
September 13	at Tampa Bay	1:00 p.m.
September 20	WASHINGTON	1:00 p.m.
September 27	at New Orleans	1:00 p.m.
October 4	PITTSBURGH	1:00 p.m.
October 11	at San Francisco	4:00 p.m.
October 18	LA RAMS	1:00 p.m.
October 25	at Houston	1:00 p.m.
November 1	NEW ORLEANS	1:00 p.m.
November 8	at Cleveland	1:00 p.m.
November 15	CINCINNATI	4:00 p.m.
November 22	at Minnesota	1:00 p.m.
November 29	ST. LOUIS	1:00 p.m.
December 6	at Dallas	1:00 p.m.
December 13	at LA Rams	4:00 p.m.
December 20	SAN FRANCISCO	1:00 p.m.
December 27	DETROIT	1:00 p.m.

•All kickoffs Atlanta time
•Home games in red letters

THE 1987 ATLANTA FALCON CHEERLEADING SQUAD

NAME	AGE	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE	NOTES
Lisa Marie Amos	22	Fayette County	West Georgia	4th year cheerleader, expects '88 graduation
Julia G. Barton	22	Socastee High (Myrtle Beach, SC)	Clemson ('86) 3 years cheerleading	Employed by Cotton States Insurance Company
Michael G. Boland	22	Clarkston	West Georgia 3 yrs. cheerleading Expects '88 graduation	Employed by Delta Air Lines this summer
Michele Crawford	25	Carver (Columbus, GA)	Georgia Tech 3 yrs. cheerleading	Employed by Norfolk Southern Corp.
Antonio DeLaine	28	Sumter County, SC	Jacksonville State 4 yrs. cheerleading	Employed by Gymnastic Center
Terri DeVito	19	Stamford (Conn)	Georgia	Expects '89 graduation
Angie Dixon	22	Berkmar	West Georgia 4 yrs. cheerleading	Graduated June '87
Mike Estes	22	Parkview	Jacksonville State 2 yrs. cheerleading	Employed by Regency House
John R. Greiner	20	Norcross	Georgia Expects '88 graduation	Summer lifeguard
Chmaine Harvey	22	Redan	Georgia	2 yrs. cheerleading Gymnastics Team
Wendy Hopkins	19	Parkview	Jacksonville State Transferring to GA State	2 yrs. cheerleading
William Hyde	21	Henderson	West Georgia	3 yrs. cheerleading expects '88 graduation
Elspeth Jinks	23	Marist	Georgia Tech 4 yrs. cheerleading	Employed by Borggren (Dickson Construction, Inc.)
Michael D. May	22	Tucker	Furman 4 yrs. cheerleading	Employed by May and Langford, CPA firm
Kelly McCleskey	22	Norcross	Georgia Southern 4 yrs. cheerleading	Employed by Z-93 Radio
Tabitha M. Morrell	19	Cross Keys	Georgia	Employed by University Gymnastics Center
Laura Pelly	19	Campbell	Georgia Transfer from West Georgia	2 yrs. cheerleading Expects '88 graduation
Billy Quercia	20	Avon Park (Fla)	Troy State (Ala)	Employed by Big Star
Russell Ragan	25	Dunwoody	Clemson 4 yrs. cheerleading	Employed by Regan Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
Timothy Randolph	23	Tucker	Georgia Tech 3 yrs. cheerleading	Employed by Trust Company Bank
William Riley	20	North Shore (Fla)	Georgia Gymnastics team	Cheerleading instructor Inter. Cheerleading Foundation
Trey Scott	20	North Garland	Georgia	Employed by Gymnastics, Inc.
Susan Solomon	21	Holy Names (Fla)	Furman	2 yrs. cheerleading
Mark Watkins	23	Parkview	Medical College of Georgia-Augusta	3 yrs. cheerleading

Falcon Coordinator ..... Carol Breeding
Director ..... Laurie Bell
Trainer ..... Keith Evans
Consultant ..... Dynamic Cheerleaders Assn.
Sponsor ..... Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

FALCON/NFL CALENDAR

Sunday, July 26	Rookies Report
Monday, July 27	1st Practice
Friday, July 31	Veterans Physicals
Saturday, August 1	1st Full Squad Practice
Thursday-Saturday, August 6-8	Dolphins Scrimmages
Saturday, August 8	Hall of Fame Game (Kansas City vs San Francisco)
Sunday, August 9	American Bowl, London (Denver vs LA Rams)
Saturday, August 15	Preseason Opener (Buffalo 8 pm)
Monday, August 31	Collective Bargaining Agreement Expires
Tuesday, September 1	Rosters Reduced to 60 Players
Thursday, September 3	Kick-off Luncheon Doubletree Hotel, Noon
Monday, September 7	Rosters Reduced to Final 45 Players
Sunday, September 13	Season Opener (At Tampa Bay, 1 pm)
Sunday, September 20	Home Opener (Washington, 1 pm)
Tuesday, October 20	Trading Deadline
Tuesday-Wednesday, October 27-28	NFL Fall Meeting Kansas City, MO
Sunday, December 27	Regular Season Ends
Sunday, January 3	Wild Card Playoffs
Saturday-Sunday, January 9-10	Divisional Playoffs
Sunday, January 17	Championship Games
Sunday, January 31	Super Bowl XXII San Diego, CA
Sunday, February 7	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl Honolulu, Hawaii
Monday-Friday, March 14-18	NFL Annual Meetings Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix

Falcons Coaching History

	1966-68
Norb Hecker*	4-26-1
	1968-74
Norm Van Brocklin†	37-49-3
	1974-76
Marion Campbell‡	6-19-0
	1976
Pat Peppler	3-6-0
	1977-82
Leeman Bennett	47-44-0
	1983-86
Dan Henning	22-41-1
	119-185-5

*Released after three games in 1968
†Released after eight games in 1974
‡Released after five games in 1976
(Includes post-season play of 1-3).

FALCON TRAINING COMPLEX

The Falcons year-round home is this beautiful Complex located off I-85 in Suwanee, GA. Completed in August of 1978, this facility provides all the needs for the players, coaches, & adminsitrative personnel. This will be the 10th season for the Falcons here, with Training Camp operating here for a ninth consecutive year.

Included in the spacious 28,060 square-foot, two-story, red-brick building are the locker room facilities, a training and rehabilitation room, a newly renovated weight room, the equipment room, player meeting rooms, coaches offices, scouting room, film/video library and all the club's administrative offices (except ticket office). Space is allotted for three practice fields.

Construction began (more than 150,000 cubic yards of dirt were moved) on April 3, 1978, and was completed less than five months later. The club's administrative offices had been housed at the Atlanta Fulton County Stadium with summer camps in Greenville, S.C. (Furman University campus). This facility in growing Gwinnett County is approximately 30 miles northeast of downtown Atlanta, off Exit 44 of I-85.

Adjacent to the practice facility are the Falcon Inn and Conference Center and The Complex Club. The 100-room motel houses the players and provides the meals during camps and is also open to the public. The Complex Club is a health and racquetball facility available for player use and is a public-member club.

1987 National Football League Schedule

(Kickoff—Game Site Time)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
(First Weekend)

1. Atlanta at Tampa Bay 1:00
2. Cincinnati at Indianapolis ... 12:00
3. Cleveland at New Orleans... 12:00
4. Dallas at St. Louis..... 12:00
5. Detroit at Minnesota..... 12:00
6. Los Angeles Raiders at Green Bay 3:00
7. Los Angeles Rams at Houston 12:00
8. Miami at New England..... 1:00
9. New York Jets at Buffalo 1:00
10. Philadelphia at Washington 1:00
11. San Diego at Kansas City... 12:00
12. San Francisco at Pittsburgh 1:00
13. Seattle at Denver 2:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

14. New York Giants at Chicago 8:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
(Second Weekend)

15. Dallas at New York Giants... 4:00
16. Denver vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee 12:00
17. Detroit at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
18. Houston at Buffalo 1:00
19. Kansas City at Seattle 1:00
20. Miami at Indianapolis..... 12:00
21. Minnesota at Los Angeles Rams..... 1:00
22. New Orleans at Philadelphia 1:00
23. Pittsburgh at Cleveland 1:00
24. St. Louis at San Diego..... 1:00
25. San Francisco at Cincinnati 1:00
26. Tampa Bay at Chicago..... 12:00
27. Washington at Atlanta 1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

28. New England at New York Jets 9:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
(Third Week)

29. Atlanta at New Orleans 12:00
30. Buffalo at Dallas 12:00
31. Chicago at Detroit..... 1:00
32. Cincinnati at Los Angeles Rams..... 1:00
33. Green Bay at Tampa Bay ... 1:00
34. Indianapolis at St. Louis 12:00
35. Los Angeles Raiders at Houston 12:00
36. Minnesota at Kansas City ... 12:00
37. New York Jets at Pittsburgh 4:00
38. New York Giants at Miami... 1:00
39. New England at Washington 1:00
40. Philadelphia at San Francisco..... 1:00
41. Seattle at San Diego 1:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

42. Denver at Cleveland..... 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
(Fourth Weekend)

43. Chicago at Philadelphia..... 1:00
44. Cleveland at New England .. 1:00
45. Dallas at New York Jets..... 4:00
46. Green Bay at Minnesota 12:00
47. Houston at Denver 2:00
48. Indianapolis at Buffalo 1:00
49. Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
50. Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans 12:00
51. Miami at Seattle 1:00
52. Pittsburgh at Atlanta..... 1:00
53. St. Louis at Washington..... 1:00
54. San Diego at Cincinnati..... 1:00
55. Tampa Bay at Detroit 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

56. San Francisco at New York Giants 9:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
(Fifth Weekend)

57. Atlanta at San Francisco.... 1:00
58. Buffalo at New England..... 1:00
59. Cincinnati at Seattle..... 1:00
60. Detroit at Green Bay..... 12:00
61. Houston at Cleveland..... 1:00
62. Kansas City at Miami..... 1:00
63. Minnesota at Chicago 12:00
64. New Orleans at St. Louis.... 12:00
65. New York Jets at Indianapolis 12:00

66. Philadelphia at Dallas 12:00
67. Pittsburgh at
Los Angeles Rams..... 1:00
68. San Diego at Tampa Bay.... 1:00
69. Washington at
New York Giants..... 4:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

70. Los Angeles Raiders at
Denver 7:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18
(Sixth Weekend)

71. Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00
72. Denver at Kansas City..... 3:00
73. Indianapolis at Pittsburgh ... 1:00
74. Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta 1:00
75. Miami at New York Jets..... 1:00
76. New England at Houston.... 12:00
77. New Orleans at Chicago 12:00
78. New York Giants at Buffalo .. 4:00
79. Philadelphia at Green Bay .. 12:00
80. St. Louis at San Francisco .. 1:00
81. San Diego at
Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
82. Seattle at Detroit..... 1:00
83. Tampa Bay at Minnesota.... 12:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

84. Washington at Dallas 8:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
(Seventh Weekend)

85. Atlanta at Houston 12:00
86. Buffalo at Miami 1:00
87. Chicago at Tampa Bay..... 1:00
88. Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:00
89. Dallas at Philadelphia 1:00
90. Denver at Minnesota 12:00
91. Green Bay at Detoit 1:00
92. Kansas City at San Diego... 1:00
93. New England at Indianapolis 1:00
94. New York Jets at Washington 1:00
95. St. Louis at New York Giants 4:00
96. San Francisco at
New Orleans 12:00
97. Seattle at
Los Angeles Raiders 1:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

98. Los Angeles Rams at
Cleveland..... 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
(Eight Weekend)

99. Cleveland at San Diego..... 1:00
100. Detroit at Denver 2:00
101. Houston at Cincinnati..... 1:00
102. Indianapolis at
New York Jets..... 1:00
103. Kansas City at Chicago.... 12:00
104. Los Angeles Raiders at
New England..... 1:00
105. Minnesota at Seattle 1:00
106. New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00
107. Philadelphia at St. Louis ... 12:00
108. Pittsburgh at Miami 1:00
109. San Francisco at
Los Angeles Rams..... 1:00
110. Tampa Bay vs.
Green Bay at Milwaukee ... 12:00
111. Washington at Buffalo 1:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

112. New York Giants at Dallas 8:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
(Ninth Weekend)

113. Atlanta at Cleveland..... 1:00
114. Chicago at Green Bay 12:00
115. Dallas at Detroit 1:00
116. Denver at Buffalo 1:00
117. Houston at San Francisco 1:00
118. Los Angeles Raiders at
Minnesota 12:00
119. Miami at Cincinnati..... 4:00
120. New Orleans at
Los Angeles Rams..... 1:00
121. Pittsburgh at Kansas City .. 12:00
122. San Diego at Indianapolis.. 1:00
123. Tampa Bay at St. Louis 12:00
124. Washington at Philadelphia 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

125. New England at
New York Giants..... 8:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

126. Seattle at New York Jets... 9:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
(Tenth Weekend)

127. Buffalo at Cleveland..... 1:00
128. Cincinnati at Atlanta..... 4:00

129. Dallas at New England 1:00
130. Detroit at Washington 1:00
131. Green Bay at Seattle 1:00
132. Houston at Pittsburgh 1:00
133. Indianapolis at Miami..... 1:00
134. Los Angeles Rams at St. Louis..... 12:00
135. Minnesota at Tampa Bay... 1:00
136. New Orleans at San Francisco..... 1:00
137. New York Giants at Philadelphia..... 4:00
138. New York Jets at Kansas City..... 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

139. Los Angeles Raiders at San Diego 5:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

140. Chicago at Denver 7:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
(Eleventh Weekend)

141. Atlanta at Minnesota 12:00
142. Buffalo at New York Jets... 1:00
143. Cleveland at Houston 12:00
144. Detroit at Chicago..... 12:00
145. Denver at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
146. Green Bay at Kansas City.. 12:00
147. Indianapolis at New England 1:00
148. New York Giants at New Orleans 3:00
149. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 1:00
150. St. Louis at Philadelphia ... 1:00
151. San Diego at Seattle 1:00
152. San Francisco at Tampa Bay 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

153. Miami at Dallas..... 7:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

154. Los Angeles Rams at Washington 9:00

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
(Twelfth Weekend)
(Thanksgiving Day)

155. Kansas City at Detroit 12:30
156. Minnesota at Dallas 3:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

157. Cincinnati at New York Jets 1:00
158. Denver at San Diego 1:00
159. Green Bay at Chicago 12:00
160. Houston at Indianapolis.... 1:00
161. Miami at Buffalo 1:00
162. New Orleans at Pittsburgh 1:00
163. New York Giants at Washington 4:00
164. Philadelphia at New England..... 1:00
165. St. Louis at Atlanta 1:00
166. Tampa Bay at Los Angeles Rams..... 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

167. Cleveland at San Francisco 5:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

168. Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle 6:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
(Thirteenth Weekend)

169. Atlanta at Dallas 12:00
170. Buffalo at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
171. Indianapolis at Cleveland .. 1:00
172. Kansas City at Cincinnati .. 1:00
173. Los Angeles Rams at Detroit 1:00
174. New England at Denver ... 2:00
175. Philadelphia at New York Giants..... 1:00
176. San Diego at Houston 12:00
177. San Francisco at Green Bay 12:00
178. Seattle at Pittsburgh..... 1:00
179. Tampa Bay at New Orleans 3:00
180. Washington at St. Louis.... 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

181. Chicago at Minnesota 7:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

182. New York Jets at Miami.... 9:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
(Fourteenth Weekend)

183. Atlanta at Los Angeles Rams..... 1:00
184. Buffalo at Indianapolis..... 1:00
185. Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00
186. Dallas at Washington..... 1:00
187. Detroit at Tampa Bay 4:00
188. Houston at New Orleans... 12:00

189. Los Angeles Raiders at Kansas City 3:00
190. Miami at Philadelphia 1:00
191. Minnesota vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee ... 12:00
192. New York Giants at St. Louis 3:00
193. New York Jets at New England 1:00
194. Pittsburgh at San Diego ... 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

195. Denver at Seattle 5:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

196. Chicago at San Francisco.. 6:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
(Fifteenth Weekend)

197. Green Bay at New York Giants 12:30
198. Kansas City at Denver..... 2:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

199. Cleveland at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
200. Indianapolis at San Diego.. 1:00
201. Minnesota at Detroit..... 1:00
202. New England at Buffalo.... 1:00
203. New Orleans at Cincinnati 1:00
204. Philadelphia at New York Jets 1:00
205. Pittsburgh at Houston 12:00
206. St. Louis at Tampa Bay 4:00
207. San Francisco at Atlanta... 1:00
208. Seattle at Chicago 12:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

209. Washington at Miami 8:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

210. Dallas at Los Angeles Rams 6:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
(Sixteenth Weekend)

211. Cleveland at Pittsburgh 12:30
212. Washington at Minnesota .. 3:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

213. Buffalo at Philadelphia..... 1:00
214. Chicago at Los Angeles Raiders 1:00
215. Cincinnati at Houston..... 12:00
216. Detroit at Atlanta..... 1:00
217. Green Bay at New Orleans 12:00
218. New York Jets at New York Giants 1:00
219. St. Louis at Dallas 12:00
220. San Diego at Denver 2:00
221. Seattle at Kansas City 12:00
222. Tampa Bay at Indianapolis 1:00

SUNDAY NIGHT

223. Los Angeles Rams at San Francisco..... 5:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

224. New England at Miami..... 9:00

TV5 SPORTS

FALCON PRESEASON STATION

The official station for Falcon preseason football will once again be WAGA-TV (Channel 5, CBS). For the fourth straight year, the four Falcon preseason games will be shown (either live or taped) on WAGA.

Veteran play-by-play announcer Jeff Hullinger will return to the broadcast booth to provide the information as the Falcons prepare for the season.

Ken Burrow, Brad Nessler and Bobby Harper.

Falcons On The Air

For a third consecutive year, all Atlanta Falcon games will be broadcast over the WSB (750 AM) network. The 50,000-watt "Sports Voice of the South" will again use the talents of Brad Nessler, Ken Burrow, and Bobby Harper to describe all the action to the 49-station network in the surrounding four-state area.

Brad Nessler will call the play-by-play for a sixth consecutive year. The 31-year old Minnesota native has been recognized by the Associated Press twice as the best play-by-play announcer in the state of Georgia. He began Falcon broadcasts in '82 after joining WGST Radio in 1980 from KEEZ Radio in Mankato, Minnesota. He became a father when daughter Reis Michelle was born on June 3 (his birthday, too.)

Ken Burrow will provide the commentary and analysis for the third straight season. The former Falcon wide receiver (1971-75) still ranks sixth with his 152 career catches for 2,688 yards and 21 TD's; with a pair of 190-yard receiving games. Burrow, 39, is a San Diego State alumnus and owns his own company, Atlanta Type Factory.

Bobby Harper will again serve as the pregame "Tailgate" Show host as well as provide halftime interviews. A native of western Canada, he is an alumnus of William Jewell College (MO.) A morning drive show personality, Bobby's been with WSB since 1985.

NETWORK

ALABAMA	
WDLK-AM	Dadeville
WFPA-AM	Fort Payne
WRLD-AM	Lanett
WREZ-AM	Montgomery
WJHO-AM	Opelika
GEORGIA	
WGDE-AM	Albany
WISK-AM	Americus
WRFC-AM	Athens
WSB-AM	Atlanta
WGAC-AM	Augusta
WBBK-AM	Blakely
WMOG-AM	Brunswick
WPPI-AM	Carrollton
WRCG-AM	Columbus
WTTI-AM	Dalton
WXLI-AM	Dublin
WUFF-AM	Eastman
WUFF-FM	Eastman
WBHB-AM	Fitzgerald
WDUN-AM	Gainesville
WBTY-FM	Homerville
WIFO-FM	Jesup
WMXY-AM	LaGrange
WBBT-AM	Lyons
WMAZ-AM	Macon
WMVG-AM	Milledgeville
WKZR-FM	Milledgeville
WMTM-FM	Moultrie
WKCX-FM	Rome
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